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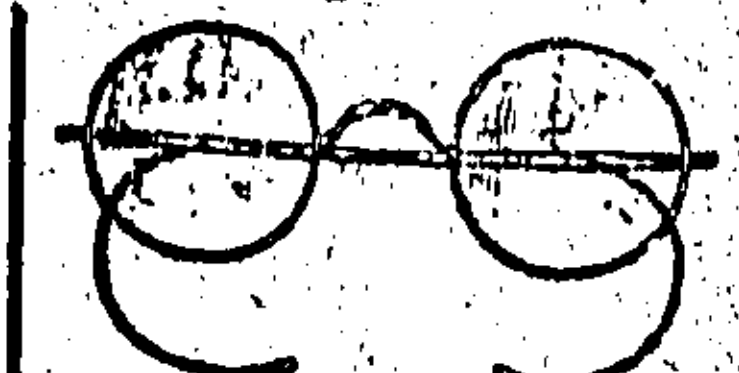
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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

Today.

(February 26.)
Queen's Theatre: "Black Mail."
World Theatre: "Hung Lin Tai" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Ben Hur."
Annual Meeting, Ladies Recreation Club, Helena May Institute, 11.30 a.m.
Legislative Council Meeting.
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula and H.K. Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Lawn Tennis.—Open Singles: Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard; Open Doubles: S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. E. and F. R. Zimmerman, G. W. A. Tuffon and Major J. O. P. Toth v. W. C. Hung and Chiu Chun Chin, D. W. Deane and W. N. Patch v. A. D. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes.
European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Suez (Kawalpindi).
European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Tokwa Maru).
European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Pres. Cleveland).
Friday.

(February 27.)
Queen's Theatre: "Black Mail."
World Theatre: "Hung Lin Tai" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Ben Hur."
Ordinary General Meeting, Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
British Economic Mission Dinner, Peninsula Hotel, 7.45 p.m.
Chess.—Kowloon Chess Club Championship, C. M. Sequeira v. H. W. Randall, Lieut.-Com. Pigott v. R. B. Jackson, J. N. da Silva v. T. G. Stokes, H. Bush v. A. J. Birnikoff.
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Golf.—Third Round of Ladies' Captain-Cup.

Lawn Tennis.—Open Singles: Ng See Kwong v. A. O. Johnson, D. J. Valentine v. Capt. E. C. Etherington; Open Doubles: G. A. Norrington and L. A. da Rocha v. E. T. E. Nash and Surg. Lieut. C. B. Nicholson, Ho Wai King and Fu Tak Lam v. Chan So and Wong Shiu Wing, Luk Kung Cheong and Luk Ding Cheong v. D. H. Prophet and H. R. Forsyth, A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar v. C. E. Holmes and D. B. Evans.
Saturday.

(February 28.)
Queen's Theatre: "Blackmail."
Star Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Hung Lin Tai" (Chinese picture).
Annual Meeting, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.
Annual Concert and Dance, Eliot Hall, 8 p.m.
Cricket.—Division I: University v. Hon. Kong C.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Division II: Indian R.C. v. Kowloon (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L.); Recreation v. Police (L.).
Football.—First Division: Recreation v. Police, Kowloon v. South China, Chinese v. Borderers, Argyle v. Navy, Club v. St. Joseph's. Second Division: Borderers v. Navy, Chinese v. St. Joseph's, South China v. Royal Artillery, Argyle v. Club, Kowloon v. University, Eastern v. Recreation.

"WE MODERN WOMEN ARE FAILURES."

THE LAMENT OF A LADY NOVELIST.

CAREER BEFORE CHILDREN: A HALF-RESENTFUL HUSBAND.

I am told that this is the era of successful women, writes a successful woman novelist, Miss Ursula Bloom, in the *Evening Standard*. Suddenly emerging on the tide of war, woman has gone forth gloriously. She stands supreme above the ages. In truth Victoria would deny that. It was on the heels of her successful queenship that women started their operations in other and wider spheres. They dropped their close and vigilant adherence to domestic matters. The saucy and the darning-needle were niched in their definite places; woman herself came out with a flourish of trumpets in the pursuit of her career.

It could not have happened so quickly had there not been a war, a bitter, urgent need, which justified her along towards magnificent achievement. In these four years women found their level. They did more, accomplished more, than their mothers would have believed possible. War was a means of sweeping aside narrow lines of thought, of broadening intellects, of bringing out undreamt-of depths in people's being. It emancipated women absolutely.

Before the war—and Heaven knows, it is such a little step backwards, really—no had arguments against, and decided condemnation of women in every profession to which they attempted to lay siege. The vote was criticised and condemned. There were women still fighting hard for their efforts to be rewarded in spheres of medicine and law. Suddenly the dam of condemnation broke, and the flood swept in. Women came into their own.

Today we accept them entirely without a second thought; they are part of the necessary attitude of modernity towards legislation. We have a woman Cabinet Minister, surely a step forward. Woman is supremely successful—or so she says!

Personally I query her success. I would argue that she is less successful now than she has ever been, although everyone probably disagrees with me. A century ago I believe that woman was a great deal more successful.

She was never physically designed to carry out the definite pursuit of any exacting career. She was not intended to organise and to bring about all that she has undreadedly brought about. She has neither the physique nor the mentality and her niche in life is not careers.

Marriage Failure.

To-day we have entered upon the era of the least successful marriage for many centuries. Until recently we never questioned marriage as an unhappy state, but accepted it as romance, as bliss, as true joy. But there is no partnership that has so failed us in our modern state as marriage. Our divorce lists are crowded. They will become more crowded. The partnership has gone to the wall, as it was bound to go if woman stepped out of her sphere.

We are faced with a lower birth rate than ever before. It is, we are told, because people cannot afford families. It is nothing of the kind. People are never so economical as to stop purchasing an article which they want simply because they cannot afford it. If I presume I should have one. Why don't I have one? Because it would interfere with my life, it would muddle my career. I quite willingly forgo another child because of that career, regardless of the fact that in so doing I may spoil my married life.

Children are essential to the true happiness of married people, yet married people frankly cannot be bothered with them.

In her effort to be successful, woman is looking away the ground from under her feet. Her sphere of success is the sphere of romance, of wedded love, of marriage and motherhood. Only out of these will she receive the maximum of happiness and content. Only out of these will she achieve the highest honours of all. That will spell true success.

Husband's Reward.

Men do not take competition kindly. They are averse to a woman leaning them at their own job. They may gloss over it, but they must dislike it. My husband has small pay and works hard. He works far harder than I have ever worked. For nineteen years he has given his life to the Navy. I sit down and write a short story and in a few hours earn more than his whole month's pay.

It cannot give him a pleasurable feeling of content when, in spite of all his efforts, and frankly his efforts are far greater than mine, he does not achieve the same reward. He would like to buy me whatever I fancy, instead of my buying it for myself. He obviously cannot do this. No, we live in the era of "successful women," and that is the end of it.

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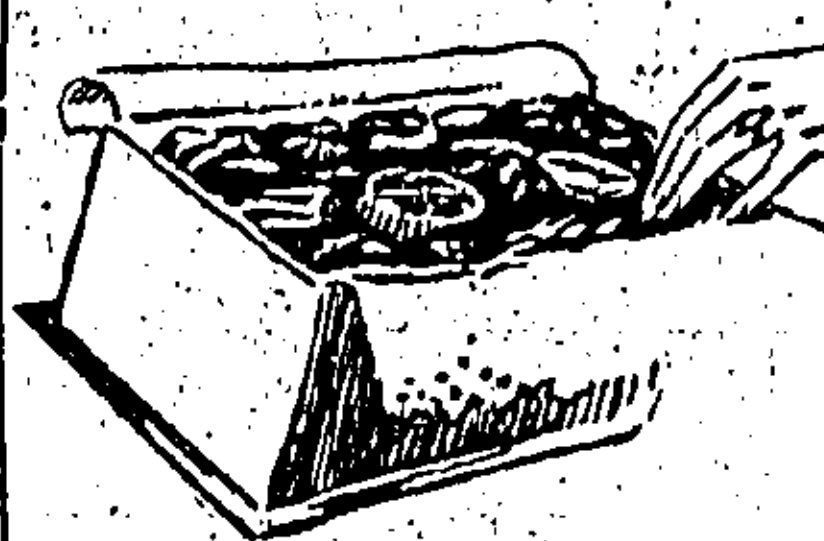
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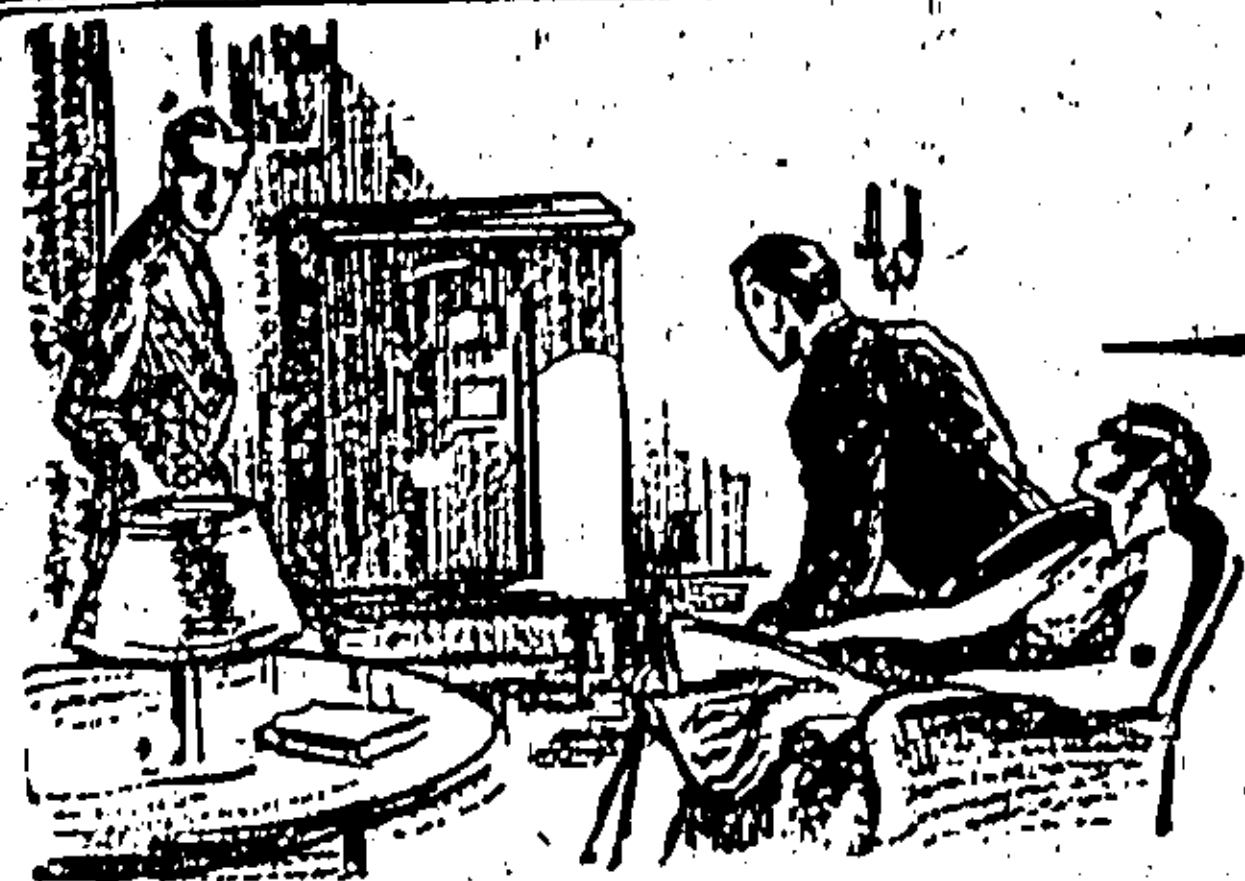
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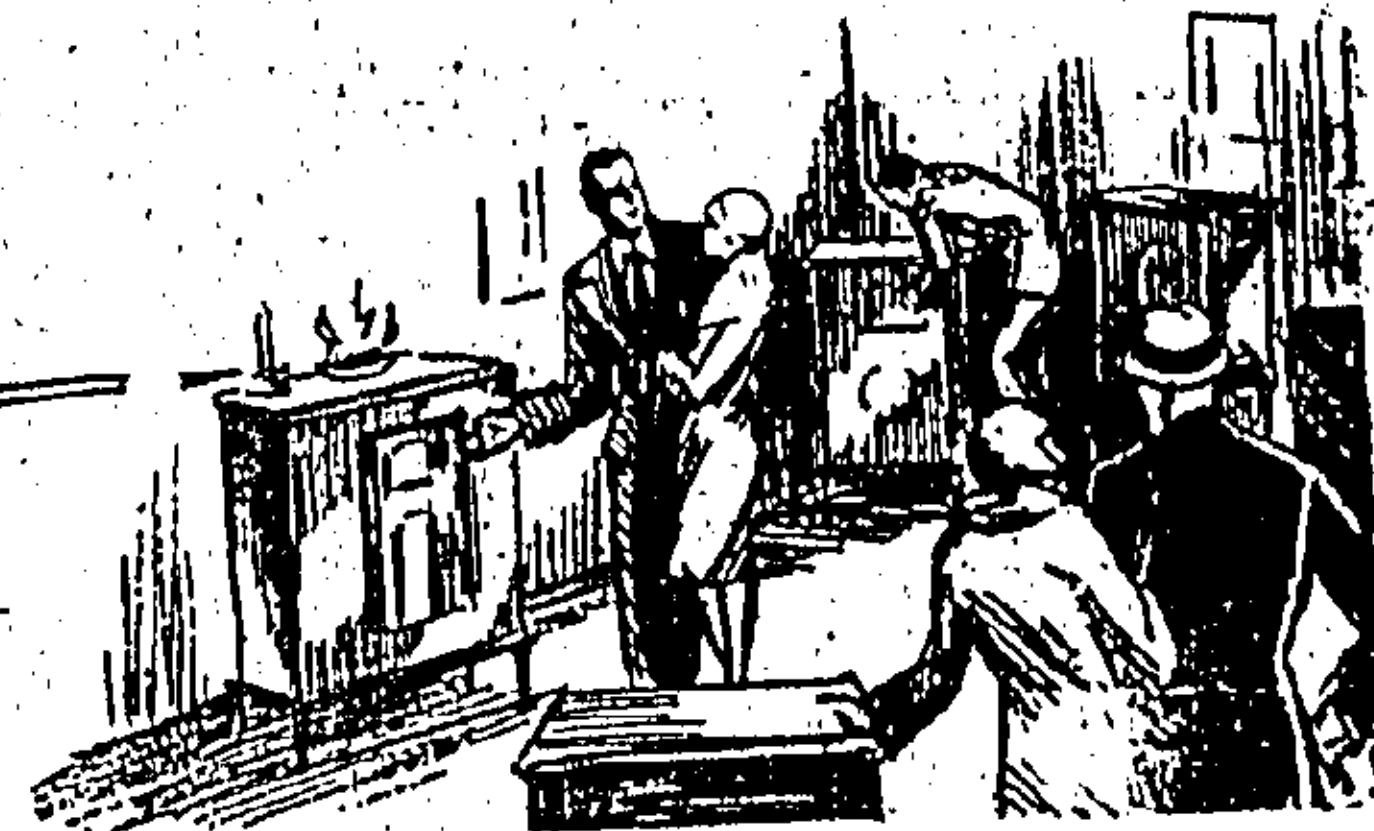
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RADIO FEATURES



GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR LOUD-SPEAKER.

THE IMPORTANT LAST LINK.
ACCENTUATING TREBLE OR BASS.

Listeners divide themselves into two classes: those who listen to local stations and those who *log* distant stations. The local listener soon becomes critical of the reproduction given by the loud-speaker. Whatever the type of loud-speaker in use, the question arises: Am I getting the best from it?

Perhaps the loud-speaker is low-pitched and booms on certain notes. That means that the frequency response of the top notes is weak, so that the low notes are accentuated and that certain low notes are reproduced by the loud-speaker at disproportionate strength. To overcome this fault one can use a pentode power valve, which tends to accentuate the high notes.

On the other hand, some loud-speakers are high-pitched, and while they give clear and crisp reproduction of speech, they are apt to sound shrill during the reproduction of music. One can counteract the absence of bass-note reproduction by modifying the amplifier. But not many listeners would be prepared to do this. Fixed condensers up to .002 microfarad can be shunted across the loud-speaker winding to accentuate bass notes.

The Most Popular Type.

The average loud-speaker in use today is a balanced-armature cone. This is by no means the only good type. But one can understand its popularity, for considerable power can be handled without rattling the unit. Balanced-armature loud-speakers are not critical as regards the power valve. As most units are of high resistance, a valve of 5,000 ohms or less is suitable.

The moving coil is one of the most perfect forms of loud-speaker, but to get good results one must have a good set. A really efficient moving-coil loud-speaker responds equally well to high and low notes, but any deficiency in the frequency response of the amplifier shows up very badly. The greatest disadvantage of the moving coil, namely, the need for an accumulator or mains supply to energise it, has been overcome by the production of the permanent-magnet moving-coil speaker.

The New Inductor.

A variation of the moving-coil principle is the inductor-dynamic loud-speaker. The coil is replaced by a special armature system. The armature is suspended in a magnetic field and moves backwards and forwards horizontally in the gap provided. This new loud-speaker is a strong rival to the moving coil. It works well with any set of average efficiency.

For those listeners desiring crisp and clear reproduction of speech, the linen diaphragm, driven by a balanced-armature movement, is ideal; and the best models are also capable of giving very fine quality of reproduction of music.

If the listener has more than one loud-speaker, it is a good plan to try working them together. Then if one accentuates the bass notes and the other the high notes, the overall response will sound extremely satisfying. The old-fashioned horn-type loud-speaker has yet to be beaten for the reproduction

of clean-cut high notes; this loud-speaker working with a cone that tends to be low-pitched is a surprisingly good asset to quality.

Baffles.

The position of the loud-speaker has a bearing on the quality of reproduction. Different positions in the room should be tried, before finally fixing the loud-speaker. Cone loud-speakers that appear to be deficient in bass can often be improved by mounting the cone behind a baffle board. Attractive baffle boards are now available in wood and metal, at moderate prices.

Before finally deciding that the best is being obtained from the loud-speaker whatever its type, the listener should make sure that the set is offering the loud-speaker every chance to do itself justice.

Output Arrangements.

Many sets fail to give a pleasing tone because the output arrangements connecting the last valve with the speaker are not so good as they should be.

Indeed, it is surprising how many amateurs one meets who are constantly arguing the respective merits of various new super power valves and low-frequency couplings, and the merits and demerits of moving coil and dynamic speakers, and yet they do not get good results because the output arrangements are wrong.

If the set overloads and gives a "reeby" tone then it is quite probable that a larger power valve is called for. The existing valve may have an impedance of 9,000 or 10,000 ohms and be capable of standing up to a relatively small grid swing. A larger valve is fitted having perhaps an impedance of 2,000 or 3,000 ohms and a much greater grid swing, provided that it is given sufficient grid bias—at least 12 or 15 volts—and 120 volts high tension.

Anode and Grid Voltage.

Many users of these new power valves do not give sufficient anode and grid voltages and good results are hardly to be expected under incorrect operating conditions. But even when the valve is operating on the correct part of its curve, with ample grid bias and high-tension, the tone may not be satisfactory. It may be excessively boomy in place of the former excessive reediness and because the speaker rattles at the slightest overload, the set as a whole may still appear to be suffering from overloading. In nine cases out of ten this is because proper arrangements have not been made for output transformation from the anode circuit of the power valve to the speaker windings.

The two important reasons why an output filter of some kind is necessary are, first that the filter, if properly arranged, matches up the impedance of the speaker to that of the anode circuit, and, second, that the comparatively heavy anode current flowing in the power valve circuit is prevented from passing through the speaker windings.

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Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle
280	Manila	K.Z.I.P.	1,153
277	Shanghai	K.S.M.S.	1,088
280	Tientsin	C.R.C.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.R.C.	967
320	Peking	C.O.F.K.	945
345	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	850
385	Hong Kong	Z.B.W.	848
357	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
361	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
366	Keijo	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.U.O.	808.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.O.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.B.	754
400	Osaka	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	728
413	Manila	K.Z.B.M.	728

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68.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	R.A.97.	4,390	6-10 p.m.
68.7	Nanon	A.G.J.	4,201	Not regular
69.7	Moscow	L.N.A.	4,160	Mon., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.
69.8	Port	P.N.	4,000	Sunday midnight
70.0	Paris	S.A.G.	4,142	Daily 6.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
70.1	Singapore	V.S.I.A.B.	4,210	Not regular
70.2	Koolwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	4,170	Daily 11 p.m.
70.3	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.A.P.J.	4,168	Tues. & Fri., 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
70.4	Sydney	Z.B.L.	4,220	Not regular
70.5	Melbourne	S.L.O.	4,168	Not regular
70.6	Schneeberg	W.S.A.F.	4,160	Daily 7 a.m.
70.7	Eindhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	4,160	Fri., 3 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
70.8	Sydney	P.F.O.	4,160	Not regular
70.9	Nairobi (Kenya)	T.L.O.	4,160	Midnight daily
71.0	Sydney	E.M.P.	4,160	Not regular
71.1	Bangkok	P.L.P.	4,160	Midnight—4 a.m. daily
71.2	Chelmsford (England)	S.S.W.	4,160	7.30 p.m. & 3 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
71.3	Manila	K.I.X.B.	4,160	Not regular
71.4	Schneeberg	W.S.K.O.	4,160	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
71.5	Bangkok	P.L.O.	4,160	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
71.6	Koolwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	4,160	Daily 7 p.m.
71.7	Bangkok	P.L.F.	4,160	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
71.8	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	4,160	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
71.9	Koolwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	4,160	Each afternoon
72.0	Bangkok	P.L.E.	4,160	Daily 7.30—7 p.m.
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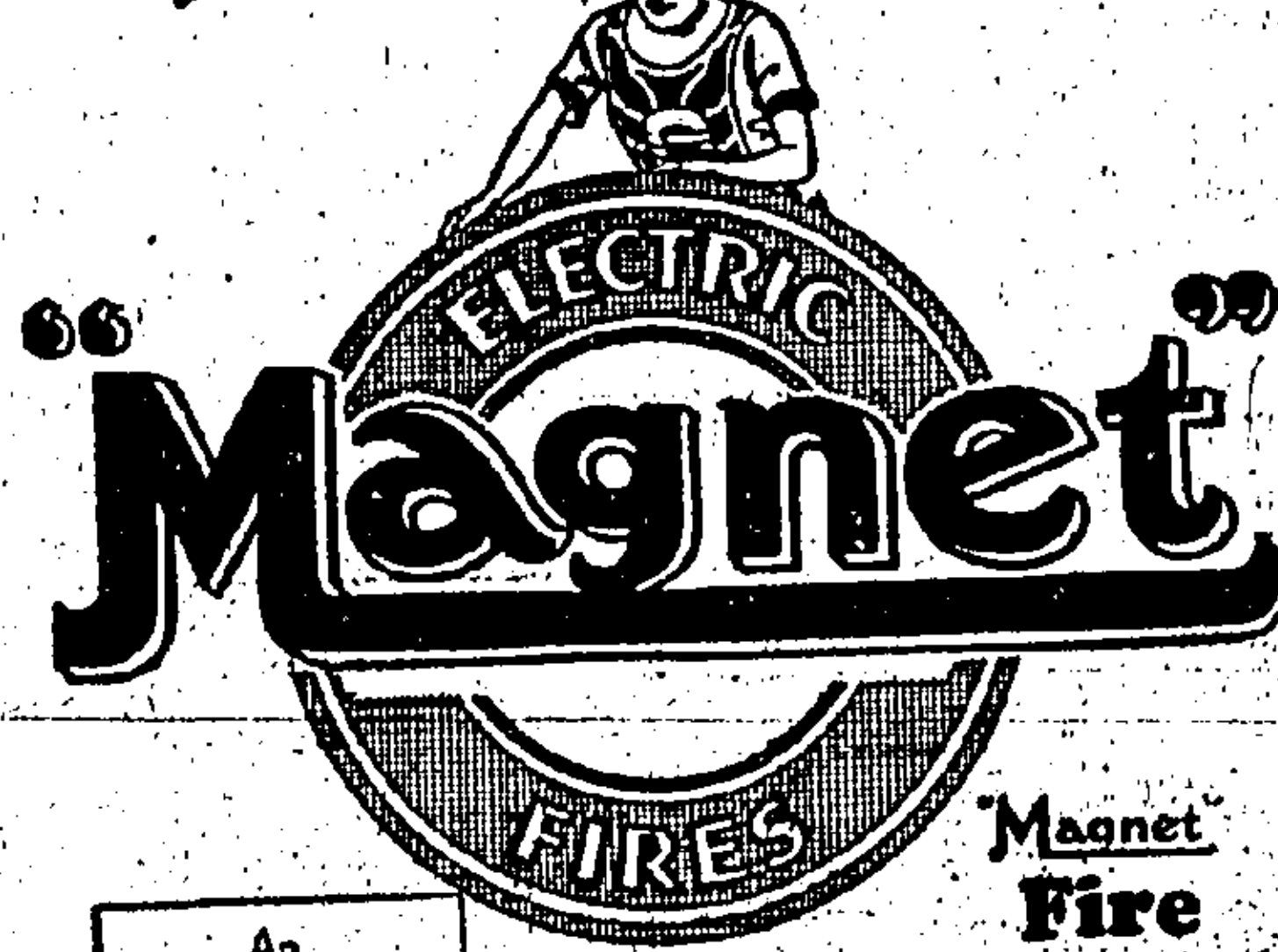
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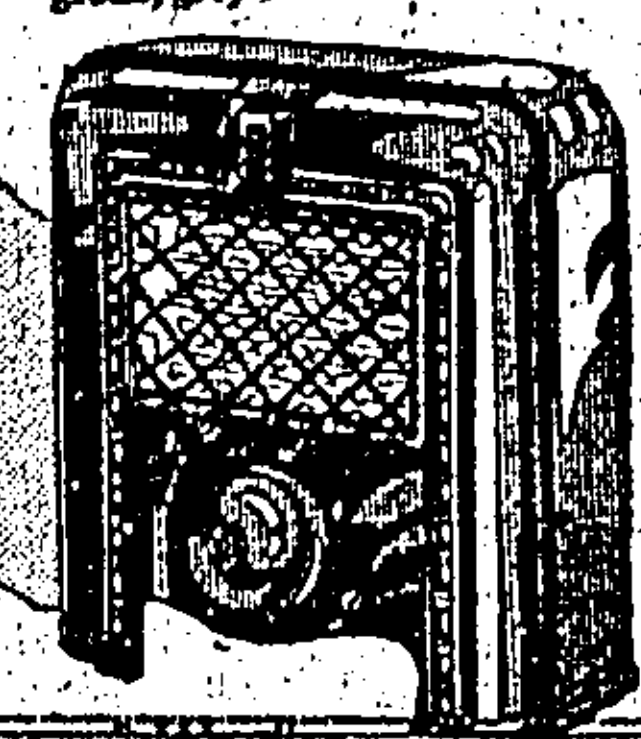
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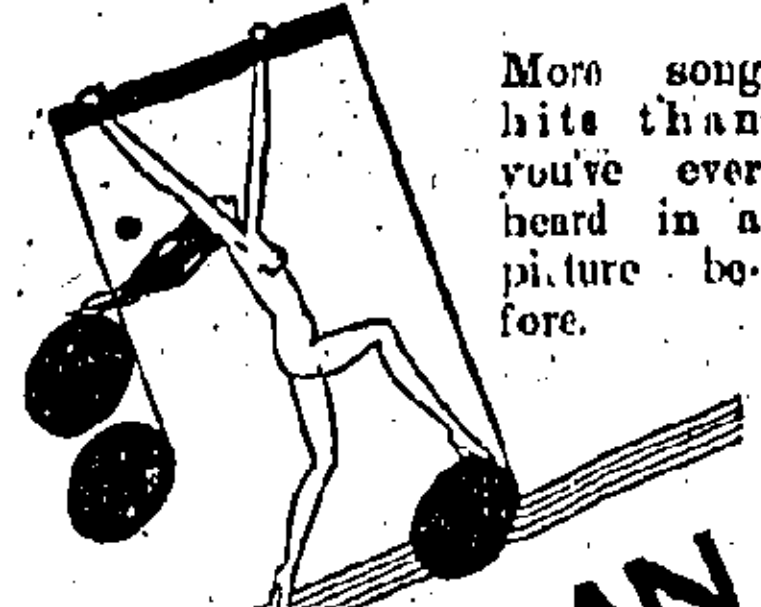
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Clara never looked more lovely than she does in "True to the Navy." Her red-headed flash makes her entire performance a vivacious delight. Again! Fredric March, the same young man, who captured her fancy in "The Wild Party," walks off with the prize, but only after a series of really thrilling adventures which arouse everybody to a high pitch of excitement.

"There Is Only One Who Matters to Me" is Clara Bow's own song. It was written for her and she puts it over in "IT" fashion. Her voice is fresh and fine, a new revelation in Bow talent.

"KING OF JAZZ."

No setting has ever been more romantic than beautiful Old Mexico-coloured Monterey, with its graceful palms, its golden stars, its velvet skies and its languorous nights. And it is in this setting that John Boles, the "golden voice of the screen," sings the latest Spanish song by Mabel Wayne, famous for her "Ramona" and "In a Little Spanish Town," in Universal's spectacular extravaganza, "King of Jazz," which opens on next change at the Central Theatre.

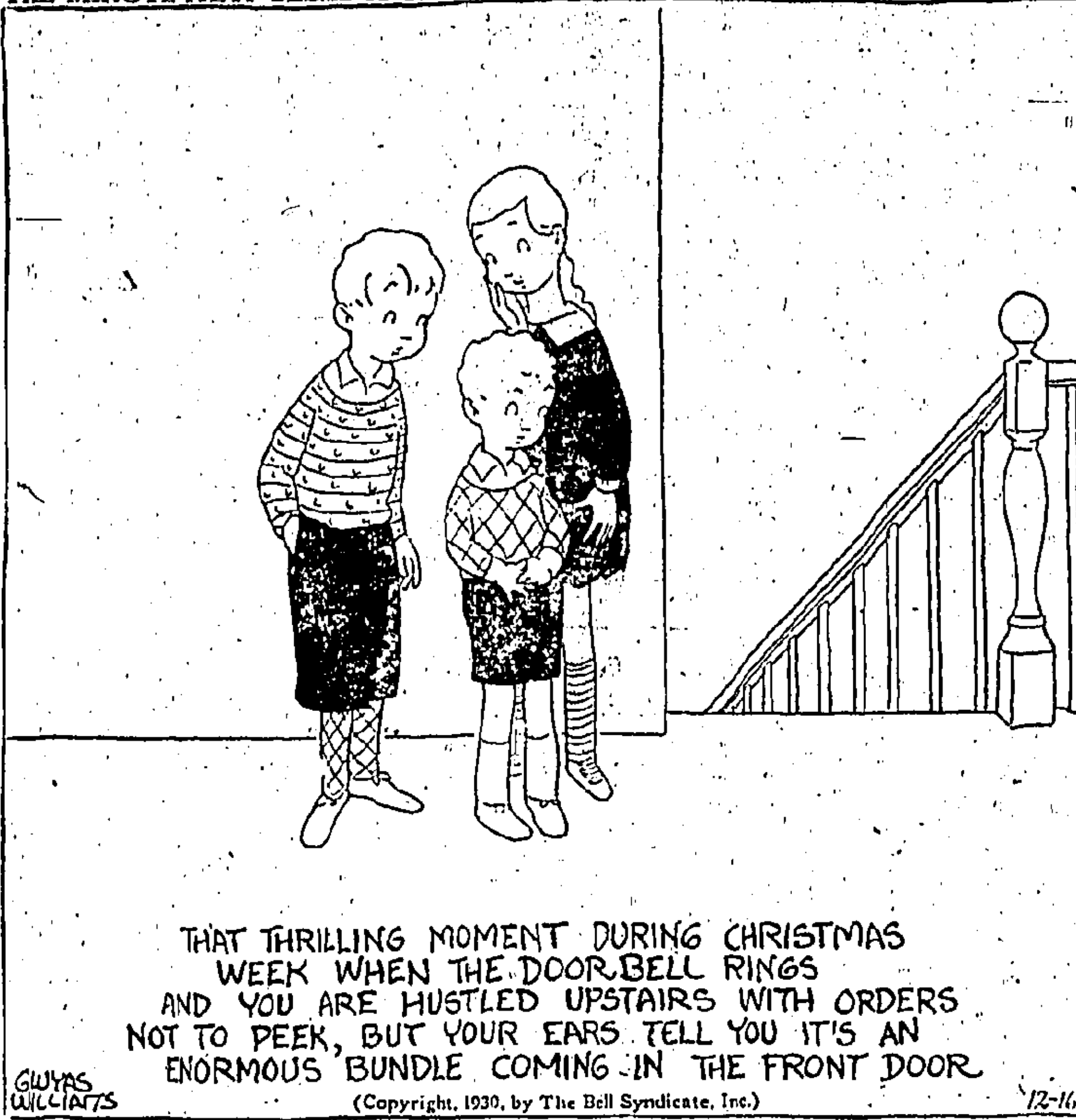
Boles has attained his tremendous popularity in romantic settings such as "The Desert Song," "Rio Rita," "Song of the West" and "Captain of the Guard," in all of which pictures he has portrayed the singing, romantic lover. In "It Happened in Monterey," both the romance of Boles' marvelous voice and the romance of Old Mexico is blended with the magic touch of John Murray Anderson, famous producer of New York musical shows, who directed the film for Carl Laemmle, Jr.

The feminine interest is supplied by beautiful Jeanette Loff, whose dancing and singing ability, in addition to her histrionic charm, won her a long term contract with Universal for her work in the picture. Besides Boles and Miss Loff there are the piquant Sisters "G," the dance sensation of Europe especially imported from Berlin; George Chiles, New York stage headliner, and the celebrated Russell Market dancers, whose beautiful line, tap and ensemble dancing is one of the sensations.

Mr. Upton Sinclair, who, after four days' suffering, has at last conquered a severe attack of hiccups, must have had a very unhappy time, for there are few more distressing experiences than these persistent spasmodic attacks. A small wineglassful of orange de menthe drunk quickly, is an efficacious remedy for ordinary hiccups, and a tried this successfully in several cases. It is no doubt a variation of an old remedy which took the form of mint tea.

THE MINUTE THAT SEEMS A YEAR

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



THAT THRILLING MOMENT DURING CHRISTMAS
WEEK WHEN THE DOOR BELL RINGS
AND YOU ARE HUSTLED UPSTAIRS WITH ORDERS
NOT TO PEEK, BUT YOUR EARS TELL YOU IT'S AN
ENORMOUS BUNDLE COMING IN THE FRONT DOOR

GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR LOUD-SPEAKER.

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Many of the new balanced-armature and dynamic speakers will not work properly if there is a large steady current flowing through the magnet windings, and apart from the possibility of breakdown caused by this large current at a high voltage, the working of the armature mechanism is upset. A filter circuit eliminates this steady current.

On the other hand, there is the importance of having the impedance of the speaker approximately the same as that of the valve. Accurate matching is not essential, nor indeed can accurate matching be checked by rough and ready means. If the matching of impedances shows more than about 25 per cent. error, then the ear will notice a difference in tone and, generally, in volume.

Choke and Transformer Output.

Power valves have impedances ranging from anything below about 20,000 ohms up to 9,000 or 10,000 ohms. Speaker units have impedances covering an even wider range and any unit may be dissimilar from the valve with which it is used. The impedance of a speaker unit is generally greatly different from its ohmic resistance, so far as direct current is concerned. The effect of this difference in impedance can be counteracted by the use of a choke output or a transformer output.

Transformer manufacturers produce audio transformers, the primary of which is connected in place of the speaker terminals, in the anode of the power valve, the secondary is connected to the speaker. Generally the primary is wound to have an inductance of 40 to 50 henries with a fairly low ohmic resistance. The secondary may have a tapping so that one may try the effect of altering the impedance to suit the speaker windings. There is no necessity, with most sets, to connect the secondary winding to earth, although with some receivers, especially those working from the mains, it may be desirable to do so.

A tapped choke is sometimes used in place of a tapped transformer and then the coupling to the speaker is made by means of a fixed condenser. A tapped choke should have an inductance of the same value as the primary of the transformer which it replaces. The condenser, which can have a value of anything over 2 micro-

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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme.

1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time and Rugby Press news.

2 p.m.—Close down.

3 to 8 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

8 to 10.30 p.m.—Chinese studio concert.

Variety.

Orchestra—"Wedding of the Painted Doll."—De Groot and his Orchestra.

Humorous Song—"The Clatter of the Clogs."—Gracie Fields.

Chorus—(a) "Fire Down Below." (b) "Hullaloo Balay."—John Goss and Male Quartette.

Dialogue—"The Bullfighter."—John Henry and Gladys Harbridge.

farads, must have good insulation for it has to stand up to the high-tension voltage.

It is advisable to arrange the condenser coupling so that one speaker wire is earthed. If, for any reason, it is desired to have both the speaker leads insulated from earth, then another fixed condenser may be connected in the return lead. Such a necessity may arise where the negative side of the set is not connected to the mains earth, as in some sets working on direct current mains.

There is no real advantage in using power valves in parallel unless only small valves are available. When this system of coupling is used, however, it is a real advantage to have an output transformer, because with valves in parallel impedance is practically halved (depending entirely on the characteristics of the valves used) and it is very probable that the speaker unit will not match up with this low impedance. Generally speaking, push-pull power valves necessitate an output arrangement and there are many push-pull output transformers on the market.

The ratio of an output transformer used with a single stage, depends upon the speaker employed. Many new dynamic speakers have a suitable output transformer incorporated, or suitable values are indicated. With a speaker of normal impedance used with a power valve, the transformer ratio may be anything from 10 to 20 to 1, or even to five, but with low-impedance speakers ratios so large as 23 to one may be used. Amateur Wireless.

Song—"The Pirate."—Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone).

Humorous Song—"You Can't Kill Fire by Scratching Them."—Gracie Fields.

Chorus—"Sea Songs."—Nautical Male Chorus.

Pianoforte Solo—"Wake Up and Dream Medley."—Carroll Gibbons.

Humorous Song—"Soused 'Er-rings."—Will Kings.

Monologue—"A Cockney Girl at the Cinema."—Wish Wynne.

Song—(a) "Git on Board Lil' Chillian." (b) "Dere's No Hidin' Place." (arr. Lawrence Brown).—Paul Robeson (Bass).

5.49 to 6.15 p.m.—

Band Music.

"The Bells of St. Malo." (Rimsky).—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Semper Fidelis March" (Sousa).—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Suite Française" (Foulds).—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Marche Aux Flambeaux" (Meyerbeer).—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

6.15 to 6.45 p.m.—European children's programme from the Studio.

6.45 to 7 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"The Swan" (Saint Saens).—Marcel Dupre.

"Valse Mystérieuse" (Ménie).—Arthur Menie.

"Chelva Fayre" (Goss-Custard).—Reginald Goss-Custard, F.R.C.O.

"Shepherd's Lullaby" (Hewitt).—F. Rowland-Tims, F.R.C.O.

7 p.m.—Stock quotations.

7.03 to 7.37 p.m.—

A Concert.

Song—"Arcady Is Ever Young" (Monckton).—Winnie Melville (Soprano).

Violin Solo—"La Sérénade" (Angel).—Serenade (Braga).—Marjorie Hayward.

Song—"The Gay Highway" (Drummond).—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Song—"The Vagabond" (Vaughan Williams).—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Piano Solo—"Rustle of Spring" (Sinding).—Una Bourne.

Piano Solo—"Le Set D'Eau" (Sydney Smith).—Una Bourne.

Song—"Valley of Laughter" (Sanderson).—Mavis Bonnet (Soprano).

Trio—"Humoresque" (Dvorak).—The Venetian Trio.

Song—"Little Lady of the Moon" (Cones).—Sydney Coltham (Tenor).

7.37 to 8 p.m.—

Musical Comedy.

"Clowning in Clover"—Selections.—The New Mayfair Orch.

Duet—"The Chocolate Soldier."—Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.

"O. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal gems.—Light Opera Co. concert.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"BLACKMAIL."

"Blackmail," which will be showing at the Queen's from to-day, on account of both dramatic interest of the story and the perfect recording of the voices, constituting a triumph for the director, Alfred Hitchcock, and a splendid augury for the British International Pictures' success in the new field of movie entertainment.

The picture has been produced with such intensity and convincingness that we follow gladly and do not pause for cross-examination. This is the best tribute that can be paid to the brilliance and sincerity with which "Blackmail" has been directed. And it is no less a tribute to the splendid band of artists who act in it.

Anny Ondra, by her magnificent rendering of the part of the girl, proves beyond doubt that in her the talkies have found a young actress of sterling ability who will go far in this medium. Donald Crisp makes a memorable figure of Tracey, and John Longden gives a striking performance of the policeman-lover.

"LET US BE GAY."

The oft-repeated saying that "clothes make the man" may be applied as well to women for the influence of dress exerts a strong power over their sex as well, and perhaps even more so because while a man's suit follows a uniform pattern a woman's costume shows so many variations that it can easily become a work of art or fall into an unattractive style.

The power clothes have in moulding the lives of modern family is the theme of Norma Shearer's latest Metro Goldwyn-Mayer starring picture, "Let Us Be Gay," which will be shown on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

Depicting a young mother, Miss Shearer shows how easy it is to neglect one's personal toilet in carrying out the numberless duties confronting a housewife and mother.

Only by the realization that her husband's love has waned, does she awaken to the fact that she has neglected her personality. Then, in place of clinging to her husband for the sake of the children, she unselfishly gives him up.

With a mental picture of the "other woman's" charm before her, she begins to concentrate on the subject of clothes. Their untold importance is realized time and time again in her experiments which result in her becoming a fascinating woman and the rage of Paris.

It is at a house party that she meets her husband who sees in place of a homely wife iningham dress and common-sense slippers a stunning woman in an alluring evening gown. For this scene Miss Shearer wore all-black, choosing a clinging style with glittering trimmings, a fan adding further sophistication.

Supporting Miss Shearer are Rod La Rocque as husband; Marie Dressler, Gilbert Emery, Hedda Hopper, Raymond Hackett, Sally Eilers, Tyrrell Davis, Wilfred Noy, William O'Brien and Sybil Grove. Robert Leonard directed.

To solder wires to grid leads is, as a rule, to ask for trouble. The least amount of heat applied to some types alters the value and it is possible that the resistance may be increased. When soldering the iron should be applied for a moment only, and it should be realized that a chance is being taken.

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DYING MOTORIST RIDDLE.

CAR'S CRASH DOWN BANK.

STRANGE MESSAGE.

Mysterious features are presented by the death of William Frederick Murphy, a commercial traveller, who was found at the bottom of a steep bank down which his car had crashed at Ashperton, Derbyshire.

A workman, Bernard Wilson, who heard the car crash, descended the bank and found Mr. Murphy lying partly in a bog at the bottom. He had severe throat wounds, and although conscious, was unable to explain what had happened.

The workman was compelled to leave him while he went for assistance, and when police officers arrived about an hour later they found that Murphy had dragged himself into the car, reached over to the back seat, opened a suitcase and taken from it a suit of pyjamas, which he had wrapped round his throat.

The police have failed to find any instrument with which the wounds might have been caused.

Stranger Breaks News.

Mr. Murphy, who was 48, lived with his wife and 14-year-old son in Hamill's Road, Bedford Park, W. His parents lived at Leigh-on-Sea.

The news of the tragedy was broken to Mrs. Murphy by a stranger.

He was a young man, and said he had come from the Shepherd's Bush Bath, a friend of the family told a reporter.

He told Mrs. Murphy that a boxer friend named Platt, who was appearing in a boxing match at the Baths, had received a telephone message from a Sheffield boxer, who said he had seen the car's fall, and asked that Mrs. Murphy should be informed.

"Immediately we received the news a friend and a neighbour set out by car for Sheffield," Mrs. Murphy was grief-stricken and unable to see anyone.

A Careful Driver.

"We are at a loss to explain the tragedy," a relative told a reporter. "Mr. Murphy left home on Monday on a business tour in the North. On the previous evening we were playing cards, and he seemed to be in the best of spirits."

Mr. Murphy had been employed by Messrs. Howse, Mead and Sons, woolen merchants, of St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., for the past 23 years, and had recently been promoted chief traveller. He served abroad throughout the war, and was wounded once.

"WE MODERN WOMEN ARE FAILURES."

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We are not so successful as we declare. I see all about me women who have gained all manner of honours; they are envied, they are admired. Yet, when you look down fearlessly into their hearts, you can see that their success has cost them what should have come first in their lives. It is not success at all. It is masquerade, life bubbling in the carnival spirit, and pretending to be something which in reality it is not.

Great Wives.

The old-fashioned woman was happier. She had not the wild ambitions which torture us to-day. She knew that she could never get outside her own home, and her love, and her little, little life. She trained men to fit their posts in the world. She brought into being very great men. She was the power behind the success, and as such she was completely happy.

Look back upon the pages and see the truly great wives who have made husbands men. Mrs. Gladstone, Lady Beaconsfield, Lady Davidson, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Ramsay MacDonald. Look at the great mothers of last century standing supremely behind all its success. For the power of all women is intended to flow through some man and not to emerge direct from themselves.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Old, true, cliché, but true. The hand of the paid nurse rules the world today, for we are so busy with our individual success that we have no time to rule the world at all. We do not desire that greatest achievement of all.

I deny that women are so successful. I look upon ourselves as a generation of failures, though at the moment the failure may not be wholly apparent. It will be in our children that the true test comes.

SILENCE QUEST.

NOVEL MARINE MUFFLER.

Silence, or more correctly, quiet running, is a problem which designers of every type of internal combustion motor have had to attack. Increased efficiency of operation always seems to have been accompanied by more noise, the sound of the exhaust becoming particularly pronounced and irritating to the general public. It was a problem which caused much debate in the early days of cars, and it was during that period that Mr. S. F. Edge made his famous declaration that silence in cars was really continuous noise, a fact which still seems to hold good when one hears cars ascending a long grade on a country road, or passing through an enclosure such as a railway bridge or a stone cutting when everything else is quiet. It is remarkable how much noise some of the quietest cars make under these circumstances.

Motor cycles also have been exorcised far and wide for their noise, but the latest models, it is claimed in England, will be famous for their quietness. The motor cycle has been at a great disadvantage in this way, as its engine and operating parts are practically uncovered, such sound absorbent factors as the water jacket of cars, body, and engine being absent. The engines also are extraordinarily efficient, but in the majority of cases are single, or at the most twincylinders, and this tends towards a more broken exhaust sound.

During the past two or three years residents of the foreshores of the harbour have voiced complaints of the noise made by motor-boats, directing attention especially to outboard motors, which, like the engines of motor-cycles, have become efficient and powerful. Exhaust muffling with marine engines presents its own problems, although the water offers a convenient medium for cooling the exhaust gas before its final discharge into the air.

With a view to eliminating the noise caused by the exhausts of motor-boats, and stationary internal combustion engines a London engineer has produced a novel type of muffler, which is claimed to be very effective. Cooling water from the engine is passed through a number of slots into the expansion chamber, inducing a swirling action which causes the gas to absorb the water in the form of "rain." This forms a sound-densifying medium, while back pressure is eliminated, and the gas is reduced in bulk to about one-third the volume it occupies before cooling. One of these silencers was tested on a Thames tug with a 25 h.p. engine. It was found by a representative of the Motor Boat, who tested it, to be so effective that even by leaning over the side of the boat and listening within a few feet of the exhaust outlet it was impossible to detect any noise beyond the burble of the exhaust and the rhythmic beat of the engine.

PROTEST AGAINST THE GRAND NATIONAL.

"A VERY CRUEL RACE."

The National Equine Defence League is to make a protest to the National Hunt Committee against the running of the Grand National.

Mrs. Matthews, secretary of the League, said:—"It is a very cruel race. We decided to take this step after consulting a veterinary surgeon, who expressed the opinion that it was not possible for the National Hunt Committee to put forward one point in favour of the Grand National."

Percy Woodland, the well-known trainer, who has ridden two Grand National winners, said:—"The percentage of fatalities or injuries to horses competing in the Grand National is much smaller than on any other course and does not compare with the hunting field, where riders of 14 stone to 16 stone are carried many miles farther in an average run. That horses which have taken part in a National soon recover is beyond dispute. A case in point is Melley's Belle, second in the race last year. It was able to run second again in the Scottish Grand National within less than a month."

Robert Gore, who has trained several Grand National winners, said:—"I consider Aintree the safest course in England for both horses and jockeys. I have never known a horse seriously hurt in it."

DEAN INGE AND SPIRITUALISM.

"CHURCH SHOULD HAVE
NOTHING TO DO WITH IT."

"MISERABLE SUBSTITUTE."

"Spiritualism and necromancy belong to the barbarous childhood of the human race," writes Dean Inge, of St. Paul's Cathedral, in a trenchant article appearing in the Church of England Newspaper.

The article, which is headed "Seeking After a Sign," condemns spiritualism as a miserable substitute for religious hope, and asks why the bishop cannot say bluntly that the Church of England can have nothing to do with it.

"The semi-regenerate mind craves for infallible declarations, the weak in faith cling to signs and wonders," writes the dean. "Superstition is the Nemesis of materialism: the water stands at the same level in these two receptacles of error."

"These Necromancers."

"It seems cruel to grudge to the bereaved even the most pitiful of consolations. But what Christian has learned from St. Paul and St. John the meaning of the blessed hope of everlasting life can feel any patience with dabbles in occultism, these necromancers who offer to us in place of that hope an existence as poor and shadowy as that of Socrates or Homer's Hades, a supposed revelation of the habits of a disembodied ghost."

"If these stories were true they would add a new terror to death. But as they are not true, but the residue of barbarous thought, habits which were old before Christianity was young, why cannot the bishops say bluntly that the Church of England can have nothing to do with this nonsense?"

Spiritualism and necromancy, he says, have had nothing to do with Christianity, nor with any other of the higher religions, and he goes on—

"They are a miserable substitute for the religious hope, which, if we could understand the truth, might not satisfy our unregenerate hankering for a mere continuance of the conditions which we know, but of which we may say confidently that if they are not to be fulfilled it is because God has provided some better thing."

"For the clergy to pander to primitive superstitions, which surge up, powerfully enough sometimes, from the unconscious, is to court a success which is worse than failure."

CHILD FALLS INTO BUSY STREET.

FATHER'S LEAP TO DEATH.

A fifteen months old child, wrapped in blazing oil-soaked newspapers, fell from a top floor window above a busy street off Scotland Road, Liverpool, and on the footpath at the feet of people returning from the theatres and cinemas. Immediately after a man appeared at the window and dived 30ft. into the crowd. Man and child were dead when "picked up."

The man was Daniel O'Mara (35), a seaman (who had been unemployed for nearly five years), of Gay Street, Scotland Road, who lived with his wife and their two children, Danny and Chris, in a tenement building over a shop facing Scotland Road.

About ten o'clock O'Mara asked his wife to go downstairs for a glass of water. She went, taking the five-year-old girl, Chris, with her.

While she was getting the water on the ground floor the window over Scotland Road was flung open and what seemed to be a blazing parcel was thrown out. On the woman proceeding upstairs again neighbours tried to persuade her not to return, she being unaware of what had occurred.

O'Mara disappeared into the room and after a glance at the crowd in the street below fell into his misdeeds. He was killed instantly. Immediately behind the tenement is a club where a dance was proceeding.

TWELVE MARKED FOR DEATH.

WAR DECLARED IN NEW
YORK'S UNDERWORLD.

VENGEANCE FOR DIAMOND.

New York.—The police are preparing to deal with a savage gang war that appears imminent in the underworld following the revolver battle between two factions in the Abbey Club off Broadway.

Twelve gangsters have been listed for death and will be shot at night. Rival gangs have declared war to the end, the suggested reason being the desire of one section to obtain vengeance for Jack "Legs" Diamond, the gang leader, who was shot in a Manhattan hotel last October.

Dutch Shultz, controller of the beer running industry in the Bronx, went to the Abbey Club to kill Charles Sherman, henchman of Wolfey Madden, who is the head of the Carnera backers, and one of New York's most powerful gangsters.

Shultz opened fire on Sherman, and a battle resulted. Six persons were wounded, among them Sherman, who is now in hospital.

The other five had disappeared before the arrival of police officers, and are in hiding. Among them is Shultz who is believed to be dying. The police are combing the underworld for those who took part in the Abbey Club fight.

Marvin King, a red haired cigarette seller in the Abbey Club was a witness of the affray, and when it ended it was he who rushed Sherman to hospital. She has been detained for questioning by the police.

Sherman is not expected to live as he is wounded by 22 knife thrusts and three bullets.

MRS. MEYRICK'S NEXT NIGHT CLUB.

PLAN TO CHEER UP MONTE
CARLO.

Monte Carlo.—The whole of Monaco is agog with excitement over the arrival of Mrs. Meyrick, the London night club queen, for is she not seriously contemplating the opening up of a new night club in Monte Carlo? If she does it will be unique, for it will be a night club for "old people."

A local Frenchman whose name has not yet been revealed recently offered Mrs. Meyrick a partnership in the prospective night club venture.

Mrs. Meyrick admitted that she is seriously considering the proposal.

"I think night club business might be adapted to local conditions, she said. "For instance, Monte Carlo is chiefly inhabited by older people, and therefore you must cater for them if you expect to make a success. If I say 'Yes' to this Frenchman it is because I will have found some new ways and means of entertaining the older generation in a dignified manner. Just a pure imitation of the Forty-three Club won't work down here."

"Another difficulty is the luxury tax on champagne. Although it is not so heavy here as it is in France, give me London and Lord Byron any time; up there you have no taxes to worry about."

"Nevertheless I am seriously considering this Monte Carlo proposition because I love the climate, and I know my good old British clients from London will stand by me if I start."

"I shall have to make a quick decision, however, because I may have to return to London in a week's time to discuss the matter of royalties with a publishing firm on my book of memoirs."

With Mrs. Meyrick at Monte Carlo is her daughter "Bobby" who will probably be the under-manager of the new Monte Carlo night club, although she is not yet twenty years of age, and was recently refused admittance to the Casino on that account.

THE TRIAL OF A. A. ROUSE.

PRISONER'S STORY TO THE
POLICE.

In the course of the trial of A. A. Rouse, before Mr. Justice Talbot at the Northampton Assizes, for the murder of an unknown man, whose charred body was found in the accused's burnt out car, Inspector Lawrence said that Rouse was asked at Hamersmith police station if he would care to make a statement. At first he said, "Need I make one here?" Then he said that he would make one.

Mr. Finnermore.—During the statement he was asked a good many questions. Did he appear to you, as I am suggesting he did to the other officers, to be giving a full and frank statement and anxious to give it?—He certainly made a statement, but he did not appear to me to be telling the truth.

You heard Sergeant Skelly say he appeared to be extremely frank and anxious to make a statement?—I did not hear his statement, but I understand he said it.

And you probably know that Mr. Brumby described him as giving his evidence readily, voluntarily, and eagerly?—I understand that he did.

Inspector Lawrence said that three of the officers asked Rouse questions and Sergeant Skelly wrote down the answers. At the end of the statement the witness himself asked Rouse a number of questions.

Mr. Finnermore.—It would probably be fair to call them cross-examination questions?—Well, I suppose it would be so.

Mr. Justice Talbot.—When you say he did not appear to be telling the truth, do you mean you thought so because of his manner, or what?

Inspector Lawrence.—It was his manner, my lord.

The witness added that Rouse would utter eight, 10, or 12 words and then, before Sergeant Skelly could put them down, he would have corrected them three or four times.

Mr. Finnermore.—In fact these corrections actually appear in the statement itself, do they not?—No, Sir.

Do you know there are in fact a considerable number of corrections which have been initialled by "A.A.R." written in by Sergeant Skelly?—They were corrected when the statement was read over to Rouse.

Then what it comes to is this—that he was talking a good deal?—Oh, yes.

And about a number of things which we understand, do not appear in this statement?—Well, yes.

Mr. Justice Talbot.—Do you mean that in between the statement which was being written down he was saying things which may not have had anything to do with this matter?

Inspector Lawrence.—That is so, my Lord.

Mr. Finnermore.—For some reason, that seems to have impressed you unfavourably?—No. What impressed me was that he was not telling the truth was that he corrected for the third or fourth time something in relation to what he had said should be written down in the statement. There was no need to my mind, if he were telling the truth, to correct anything.

Replying to further questions, Inspector Lawrence said that Rouse told him that he was wounded in the head during the War, and he believed the superintendent had verified that statement.

Mr. Finnermore.—Is it within your knowledge that one of the results of that "wounding" is that he is very excitable?—Yes, he is described as such.

Thus between 1 o'clock and 5 o'clock in the morning, with four police officers, he was being questioned about a number of important matters?—Yes.

And although police officers were asking questions, that there was this cross-examination from both sides?—(Continued on next Column.)

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to finish of his statement, did he not stick to his story that the thing was an accident and that he had nothing whatever to do with killing a man or burning his car?—Oh, yes, he did, Sir.

Inspector Lawrence said he knew that Rouse had been travelling that day and that he had been waiting at Hamersmith police station from 9.30 p.m. until 1 a.m., when he (the inspector) arrived.

Mr. Finnermore.—Would you agree that it would be a very formidable order for any ordinary man to be four hours with the four police officers at that time of night and in that place?—No, I do not think so. If it was a pure accident he had nothing whatever to fear.

Inspector Lawrence added that Rouse was not given any food while the statement was being taken, but he was supplied with two or three cups of tea.

Question of Demeanour.

Mr. Birkett (re-examining).—You have been asked whether it was a formidable order to the prisoner. You had a chance of judging of his demeanour. Did he give you any impression that he was passing through an ordeal?—No, he did not.

Was he in any way hurried or pressed or forced into saying anything in any way?—He was treated with the greatest courtesy.

Did he give his statement voluntarily, readily, and eagerly?—Yes, with the exception of the corrections of which I have spoken.

Mr. Birkett referred to the corrections made by Rouse in his statement. One was—"I carry the ordinary tools for roadside repairs and I had a wooden mallet." In this the word "had" had been substituted for "have."

Mr. Birkett.—You were asked whether you have ever made mistakes in your life. Rouse was being asked to recall which he had the 6th and 7th in part. Were the corrections that he made before the spoken word was written down, corrections of mistakes as to places where he had been?—No, they were corrections to look as favourable to himself as possible.

Mr. Justice Talbot.—Can you give an example?

Inspector Lawrence.—One was regarding what he is supposed to have said to Hiley and Brown. First he said that he did not call out to those two; then he said he had seen it in the paper. He did not really know then whether he said it or not.

Mr. Justice Talbot.—What he said was that he had seen in the paper that he had said something and that on recollection he thought he had not?—That is so.

Mr. Birkett.—He said that he was not sure whether he had said it, and therefore did not want it recorded?—That is so.

It has been suggested that the questions at the end of the statement, were in the nature of cross-examination. Was there anything that you did by way of questioning to trip him into some admission?—None whatever.

What was the purpose of any question you put to him?—To elicit the facts and to try to see if what he had already said was correct.

It was suggested to you by Mr. Finnermore that the position of the body might indicate that the dead man was making an effort to get to the outside door?—I do not think the body could get in that position.

Mr. Justice Talbot.—By himself, you mean?—That is so.

Mr. Birkett.—What do you say to the suggestion that the man might be trying to get to the outside door?—Would you expect to find that position?—Certainly should not.

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FUTURE OF INDIAN EDUCATION.

ISOLATION FROM THE WEST IMPOSSIBLE.

VIEWS OF SIR P. HARTOG.

A suggestion that under the new régime education in India will be no longer Western but Eastern was discussed by Sir Philip Hartog in a lecture at Bedford College in which he sketched in broad outline the evolution of the Indian educational system. Sir Philip Hartog—who was, of course, at one time prominent in the academic life of Manchester—has been closely associated with Indian education for many years.

Touching upon the special educational problems of the sixty million Moslems and the (say) forty million members of the depressed classes in British India, Sir Philip Hartog said:—

The educational progress of the Moslems has been retarded by many causes, and especially by the conflict of the old Government ideal of religious neutrality with the intense Moslem desire for religious teaching in the schools, in strong contrast with the absence of any such desire on the part of the vast majority of Hindus. We know that kind of religious difficulty in England. It is not the only educational difficulty arising out of the great Hindu-Moslem problem, a problem with which every director of education in India is confronted daily.

The Depressed Classes.

For the depressed classes there is, in my view, only one policy—the policy of refusing Government aid to every school that does not admit them and treat them fairly. It is a policy which can be made effective.

If we were to compare the present educational system of India with that of England or Germany or France, we should undoubtedly have to say that, at every stage it falls behind the systems of these countries, and yet in every stage it has features whose excellence gives us real hope, since they suggest that the imperfections are due to historic and not to inherent, or to any rate not to insuperable, obstacles.

What of the immediate future? An earnest Quaker missionary has predicted that under the new régime there will be a counter-reformation in education, which will no longer be Western but Eastern; thus India will go back a thousand years or more to the old days when she gave out a great wealth of ideas, especially to the rest of Asia, but accepted nothing in return.

It might be urged against the view that though there was a counter-reformation in Europe in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries there was no counter-renaissance, that the Greek spirit now lives in Europe as never before. But that we must not take this too lightly is shown by that striking book on the problem of national education in India published some ten years ago, by Lala Lajpat Rai, an advanced political leader.

Lajpat Rai warned India of the Chauvinistic danger and of the attempt of his country to console herself for the present by contemplating the glories of the past. If India is now to take the place she claims among the nations, she must, as Lajpat Rai suggests, abandon not her just pride but her absorption in the past and much of her conservatism.

Isolation Impossible.

In the realm of science there are no national boundaries. It was for physics, not for Indian physics, that Sir C. V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize. In literature, art, philosophy, religion, there are boundaries no doubt, but boundaries crossed and recrossed with mutual profit by the greatest of nations. Chaucer was not de-nationalised by the Italians, nor Milton by Sophocles or the Hebrew Bible, that Bible which pervades the whole of English literature.

The greatest of Indian living writers, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, is no less Indian because of his profound Western culture. Nor, to tell the truth, do I believe that a fresh isolation of India from the thought of the world is possible in these days, when the word is carried by a thousand new channels over land and sea from the mind and heart that have conceived it to the minds and hearts of unknown far-off millions.

I have faith in those younger Indians whom I have known in the world of education—patriotic but not Chauvinistic, men of no narrow educationalism, with the faith and courage to recognise faults and weaknesses which it will no longer be possible to attribute to others.

WIFE'S LETTER TO A JUDGE.

FRIENDSHIP WITH BARONET OF 74.

A letter said to have been written by a young wife to Mr. Justice Bateson, one of the Divorce Court judges, was read at the Old Bailey.

Harold Gladwyn Grayson (28), estate agent, who brought an action for divorce in which Sir Guy Sebright, a 74-year-old baronet, of Markyate, near Dunstable, was cited as co-respondent, was charged with.

Contriving and intending to deceive the Divorce Court and influence it to arrive at an unjust decision, and with perjury in an affidavit connected with his petition.

He pleaded not guilty.

"Charming Manner."

The letter which Mrs. Grayson is alleged to have sent to Mr. Justice Bateson was read by Mr. Martin O'Connor (for the defence).

Mrs. Grayson said she had always denied committing misconduct with Sir Guy Sebright. The letter continued:—

"No doubt I have been foolish in my friendship with Sir Guy Sebright, but I was only 20. Sir Guy was a man with a wide experience of life and a most charming manner, and although he was a rich man the amount he spent on me was comparatively trifling."

Mr. Percival Clarke, prosecuting, said that on October 26, 1928, Grayson filed a petition for divorce from his wife on the ground of her misconduct with Sir Guy Sebright. He claimed £2,000 damages.

The effect of his evidence was to persuade the jury that his home and future had been absolutely ruined by the co-respondent, and they assessed damages at £200.

The King's Proctor made inquiries, and ultimately the *decreet nisi* was rescinded.

Through Bathroom.

After the marriage, continued counsel, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson lived at various addresses. When they went to Manchester, Street, Mrs. Grayson became tenant of a flat.

"When this enamoured old gentleman came they furnished the flat thoroughly, even to pictures. Sir Guy paid for it."

"He expected some return so, he was given a latchkey and allowed to come and go as he liked."

Florence Bennett, of East Street, Baker Street, said that while she was working for Mrs. Grayson at the flat in Manchester Street, Grayson lived there with his wife.

Sir Guy Sebright came occasionally at first, and then almost daily.

"When he rang up to say he was coming we all had to get busy," said Mrs. Bennett. "Grayson's clothes were taken away so that there was no indication of his living there."

The trial was adjourned.

WILD LIFE INQUIRY IN PAHANG.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE OF RAUB PLANTER.

Very interesting evidence was given by Mr. A. N. Dumaresq at a sitting of the Wild Life Commission in Pahang. Mr. A. N. Dumaresq who is a planter and miner, of Raub, said that he had taken a general interest in the wild life of Malaya during his stay of 30 years. Hunting, he continued, used to be done with out restriction. Regarding the damage done by wild life, which he thought had increased in Pahang, Mr. Dumaresq said that on his estate at Raub, Sungai Luit, and throughout his services in Malaya, elephants had done damage. Witness had had trouble with sambhur deer on his estate at Raub since 1924. His view was that the development of agriculture all over the world had proceeded to such an extent that the preservation of game was incompatible with agriculture, and that the extermination of elephant and sambhur was not only inevitable, but necessary. He considered that elephants and sambhur would have to be kept within certain areas specially set aside for them.

He was in favour of the constitution of wild refuges. Game which could not be kept inside those areas should be exterminated. He was of the opinion that the destruction of deer outside the reserves should be unrestricted. He thought there should be sufficient close seasons for birds, but not for destructive animals.

Mr. Dumaresq said that the only way to shoot deer was by means of artificial lights, and thought that night shooting should be allowed. There should be no penalty for selling the meat of destructive animals, Mr. Dumaresq contended, and the selling of trophies should only be allowed as a license.

Steps should not be taken to prevent the destruction of monitor lizards for trade purposes. A (Continued at foot of next column.)

NOVELIST'S DEATH AT ST. MORITZ.

MYSTERY OF ROOM 13.

St. Moritz.—What is the mystery of room No. 13, the private sitting-room on the first floor of one of St. Moritz's best known and most luxurious hotels, where the famous Swiss author, Cuno Hofer, was found shot, and an Englishwoman, Mrs. Reginald Boulter, was found wounded by a bullet? writes a well-known Press correspondent to the *Daily Express*.

For a moment, before reconstructing this drama, which has drawn the world's attention to this little ice-bound Swiss village perched high on the mountain, we must content ourselves with the statement made to me by the police official investigating the case: "You may say that Mrs. Boulter confessed she shot Hofer."

By pressing my inquiries, right and left I have been able to build up the drama.

Hofer, a man of forty-four, married a wealthy Hungarian countess. Two sons were born, and both are here at St. Moritz, one at school and one staying with a tutor.

So both Hofer and Frau Hofer came here with the double purpose of spending Christmas with the children and enjoying the winter sports.

At this moment St. Moritz presents a wonderful pageant of glamour and glitter. It entirely outshines the Riviera because whereas the south of France is a place for middle-aged and elderly people, St. Moritz is essentially a place for youth. Youth calls youth.

Revelry by Night.

The nearby mountains are draped in snow. It is a village of silence by day and revelry by night. In the daytime the only sound is that of jingling sleighbells and laughter as some novice tumbles head over heels into a snowbank.

Here are gathered some of the most beautiful women I have seen for a long time. Somehow, St. Moritz seems to bring out beauty. Girls in red, green, blue, scarlet, and puce toboggan, ski, skate, and curl all day long.

When dusk comes, tired, but happy, youth goes, slowly, hotelwards. It is the hour of the cocktail—two or three tiny hours preceding dressing for dinner—and it was in such an atmosphere that the tragedy took place.

Mrs. Boulter, a handsome widow about thirty-four, whose husband was a director of the Savoy Hotel, London, and who left a fortune of £135,000, was well-known here.

She had been a visitor for several seasons, and her wealth, beauty, and gaiety made her very popular.

On December 16 Mrs. Boulter arrived at the hotel where the shooting took place. The Hofer family were staying at another hotel.

The Hofer family were on friendly terms with Mrs. Boulter. A week ago Frau Hofer left for Vienna en route to her Hungarian estates, and the same day Hofer moved into the hotel where he met his death.

It was remarked that Hofer kept to his room, and so far as is known at present was not seen with Mrs. Boulter.

Shots Rang Out.

On Friday he went out skiing alone; he lunched at the hotel and went out again and returned at dusk.

In the evening, about seven o'clock, a pageboy brought him a message, and he was still wearing his sports clothes.

As the boy entered Mrs. Boulter slipped in behind him. The boy went, leaving the couple alone. Within a very short space of time shots rang out in quick succession. People rushed to the door—girls in trousers and ski kit and men in plus-fours on their way to dress for dinner.

The hotel manager was sent for, and to-day he described the scene which confronted him.

"Herr Hofer was stretched on his back and Mrs. Boulter was lying a few yards away. She was conscious, and we rushed her to hospital."

"Herr Hofer was dead, with four bullets in the chest and neck; Mrs. Boulter had one wound in the left side of the chest."

On inquiring at the hospital to-day I was told that Mrs. Boulter was out of danger, although a small operation will have to be performed to remove the bullet.

This morning, when the gaiety was at its height, a sad little procession wended its way down the mountain side. It was the funeral procession of Herr Hofer.

HISTORIC LETTERS TO BE SOLD.

HIGH COURT DECISION.

Mr. Justice Maughan, in the Chancery Division gave permission for the Paston letters, a valuable and historic collection of fifteen-century documents, to be offered for sale by auction.

"I want the sum to be a substantial one," he said.

The auction of the court was sought by Mr. Ernest George Pretymann, who was the plaintiff, in a summons to determine whether, under the will of Colonel George Tomline, the series of letters known as the Paston letters were heirlooms.

Among the respondents to the summons was the Earl of Bradford, one of the trustees.

Mr. C. V. Rawlence, for Mr. Pretymann, said that Colonel Tomline, by his will, bequeathed "all the pictures, prints, statues, sculptures, articles of vertu, books, furniture, and plate in my mansion house at Owell Park and Riby Grove" to his trustees as heirlooms.

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Sir John Fenn, the owner of the letters in the latter part of the eighteenth century, mounted or imbedded them in stout sheets of paper, and had them bound in three volumes.

Mr. Justice Maughan made a declaration that the volumes and manuscripts passed as heirlooms.

Mr. Rawlence asked for the court's sanction for the sale of the letters.

Mr. Justice Maughan: The question of whether it is wise to sell them depends on what you are going to get. I cannot help thinking that this is a bad year to sell.

Mr. Rawlence: That is a question of fixing a sufficiently high reserve.

He wrote down on a piece of paper a rough estimate of the value of the letters, and Mr. Justice Maughan then sanctioned the sale, on the condition that the reserve was not lower than the figure given.

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YEAR.Messrs. Fraser & Co., Singapore,
in their weekly report, dated
February 16, state:—In view of the advent of Chinese
New Year holidays business in the
local share market has been on a
diminishing scale and the drop in
the price of Tin of 25/- per ton
over the week has further dis-
couraged speculation, whilst pros-
pective investors in Tin shares are
still awaiting definite news regard-
ing restriction proposals. Shipments
of the metal from the Straits for
the first half of February were 2,130
tons and the estimates for the whole
month have been raised to 7,500
tons.Rubber has again fluctuated with-
in narrow margins only, and closes
undamaged and shares can be re-
ported as almost entirely neglected.
Industrials also have been ex-
ceptionally quiet recently and
while prices generally have been
in favour of buyers, quotations of
Straits Traders and Consolidated
Tin Smelters have been well main-
tained.Mining.—After business at 91
cents, Kuchais advanced to 95 cents,
but later were being dealt in at
92 cents. Kintag also strengthened
from 91.12 to 91.16, but weakened
later, being quoted 91.11. Middle-
Penang were done at 58 to 55
cents. Sungai Lada 91.15 to 91.10
and Malaya Consolidated at 101
cents. Assam Kumbangs changed
hands at 22/3, Southern Malaysians
13/- and Kampong Kambungs
from 10/3 to 10/6, a few more being
available at the latter figure.
There are enquiries for Idris
Hydraulics and Pengkalen Prefa,
and bids are still wanted for Spungu
Mines and Bukit Arrang. A con-
siderable support has been
forthcoming for the speculative
Dollar stocks, and buyers are now
bidding previous sellers' quotations.Rubbers.—A very small business
has occurred in this section, Men-
talabs being taken at 24 to 26 cents,
New Seudais 81.06 and 81.03, and
Malaka Pindas 84 to 82 cents.
There is a buyer of Colinsburghs at
current quotations and Haytors
could be placed at 84 cents, but
Bukit Jelutongs, Teluk Ansons,
Tampas and Brunei Uniteds remain
on offer.Industrials.—Straits Traders
have been a steady market at 92.05
with further buyers at the figure,
United Engineers came to business
at 88.50 and Eastern Uniteds 82.25.
Malayan Collieries eased to 82.25,
Robinson-Ords 83.15 and Thorny-
crofts 82.20 and 82.25, business be-
ing done at these prices. Con-
solidated Tin Smelters Preference
were taken at 18/- and the Ord-
nary at 16/- with further buyers
slightly under. United Engineer
Preference improved to 92.50. Singa-
pore Traction Preference were
placed at 17/3 ex dividend, small
buyers over. A few Gannons are
wanted at 81.75 or higher, and
Alexandra Brick Preference and
Fraser & Neave Prefa. are still en-
quired for. There are sellers of
Hammers at 82.00, Fraser & Neave
Ords 81.05, McAlisters at 89.00 cum.
div. Cold Storages 81.05 and fur-
ther Robinson Ords. at 83.20.LESS PAY FOR THE CIVIL
SERVICE.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

Mr. Snowden has informed a
deputation from the staff side of
the National Whitley Council for
the Civil Service that the Cabinet
has decided that the Civil Service
cost-of-living bonus will be revised
as from March 1 next, in strict ac-
cordance with the cost-of-living
agreement of 1920. The decision
means a drop of five points.It is understood that the matter
discussed by the deputation was
whether the bonus would continue
to be computed on the basis of 65
for the six months from March 1
in lieu of the figure of 65 which
would be operative under the 1920
agreement should any further de-
cline in the index number take
place. The present operative figure
of 65 represents a concession of five
points compared with the figure un-
der the agreement.On the wage of a man at £2 a
week a five points drop would
mean a loss of 1s. 10d. a week.
Mr. Snowden made a lengthy
statement in reply to the case put
forward by the deputation in
favour of retaining the present
cost-of-living bonus, and said, it
is stated, that while he did not be-
lieve in the policy of cutting down
wages, there might be serious al-
ternatives to resistance of the
reduction in the bonus.The actual amount of the reduc-
tion as from March 1 next will not
be known until the Ministry of
Labour index figure for February
is issued about February 18. If
the figure falls below 65 the reduc-
tion as from March 1 will be one
point more than the present
reduction, not of the whole salary.
The saving to the Exchequer would
be approximately £1,600,000 for the
six months' period.GERMAN COMMUNITY'S
LOSS.DEATH OF MR. CARL
SCHROTER.The local German community has
suffered a severe loss in the death
of Mr. Carl Schroter, who had been
in the Colony off and on, for over
thirty-five years.Mr. Schroter, who was about 64
years of age, was, before the war,
manager of the well-known German
firm, Messrs. Garrels, Berner & Co.,
and latterly was in charge of the
Canton Trading Association, Ltd.He married Miss Rowe, whose
sister, Mrs. Clark, widow of the
late Capt. Clark, who was a direc-
tor of the Hong Kong, Canton and
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., is
living at Taigö.

SINGAPORE'S NEW G.O.C.

MAJ.-GENERAL L. C. L.
OLDFIELD.The new General Officer Com-
manding the Troops, Malaya, Ma-
jor-General L. C. L. Oldfield, C.B.,
C.M.G., D.S.O., arrived at Jap-
son's Pier this morning, and was
received with due ceremony, says
the Straits Times of Feb. 17.Major-General Oldfield came out
on H.M. Troopship Neulalia.On arrival at Johnston's Pier
which was decorated for the occa-
sion, Major-General Oldfield was
met by Brigadier R. F. A. Butler,
worth C.M.G., D.S.O., who has
been in command since Major-
General Pritchard's departure, the
acting Colonial Secretary (the
Hon. Mr. M. B. Shelly), Lieut.
Col. A. T. Miller, D.A.A.,
Q.M.G. Capt. E. C. Thomson,
Captain-in-charge, H.M. Naval
establishments and Group Capt.
A. H. Jackson, R.A.F. A guard
of honour from the Royal Artil-
lery, under the command of Ma-
jor A. Nevill, awaited the new
G.O.C. together with the band of
the 2nd Bat. Welch Regt. Over-
head girdled three eagles from
the Air Base.After inspecting the guard of
honour, Mr. Oldfield was intro-
duced to Sir William Marston, the
Chief Justice, other heads of Gov-
ernment Departments, and mem-
bers of the Legislative Council who
were present. He was then intro-
duced, by Brigadier Butterworth,
to officers of the Garrison, and to
officers of the R.A.F. by Group
Capt. Jackson.This concluded, His Excellency
left in his car for Flagstaff House.
Major-General Oldfield, R.A.,
was educated at Clifton College,
and entered the army in 1902. He
attended the Staff College in
1900, and became adjutant in 1900.
In 1900 he was promoted to Major,
Lieut. Col. in 1915, and Major-
General in 1924. He served in the
European War from 1914 to 1918
in France and Flanders, and was
awarded the D.S.O. in 1915. He
was made a Commander of the
Bath in 1919, and the same year
also became a Commander of St.
Michael and St. George.In 1924 he was Chief Instruc-
tor in Gunnery at the School of
Artillery, and also in 1924, was
A.D.C. to H.M. the King. His
last appointment was in command
of the 47th (2nd London) Division
of the Territorial Army, which he
took up in 1927.EXPLOSION IN CITY
STREET.

BROTHERS HURT.

Two workmen were injured and
several others had narrow escapes
when six electric cable manholes
were at the junction of Wood
Street, Adelaide Street and Silver
Street, Chancery, E.C. were blown
more than 20 feet in the air by a
series of gas explosions.The injured men, who were
brothers, were George Mills (29)
and Robert Mills (26), both of
Edmonton.After treatment at St. Barthele-
my's Hospital for head and leg
injuries, they were able to go home.
The explosions were caused by an
accumulation of gas, due to leak-
age in the ducts carrying the elec-
tric cables.When the explosions occurred
workmen were re-laying an electric
cable."We had no warning," one of
them told a reporter. "The first
manhole cover was blown above the
third storey of a warehouse and
landed on the roof of a shelter in
which George Mills was standing,
striking him on the head."Then, in quick succession, the
five other manhole covers blew up,
and one of them fell on Robert
Mills' foot.Notices were displayed prohibiting
smoking in the neighbourhood, and
the street was closed to pedestrians
and traffic."ART AND MRS.
BOTTLE."ANOTHER VIEW OF MUCH-
DISCUSSED PLAY.

(Contributed.)

An article recently appeared in
the local Press dealing with the
forth-coming production of the
A.D.C. which, I venture to think,
presented a somewhat unfair pic-
ture of the general trend of the
play. As one definitely interested
in the A.D.C. and all its produc-
tions (and not being a member of
the cast) I feel constrained to lay
before the public what I consider
to be a fairer view of the play.
There are, it is true, certain
Rabelaisian touches, but the writer
of the former article has to my
mind dwelt unduly upon them. A
touch of bitterness in a glass of gin
is an excellent thing; but, in ex-
tolling the delightful asperities
which is so justly popular not only
with the Silent Service but also
with the shore-loader, one would
not speak or write as if it consisted
of nothing but a glass of angostura
—or orange as the case may be.To my mind the Rabelaisian
touches are introduced into the
play as a momentary relief from
the psychological analysis of each
of the several characters—very
much indeed as Shakespeare intro-
duced the grave-diggers' scene in
Hamlet as a momentary relief from
tragedy past, and to intensify
tragedy to come.The interest of "Art and Mrs.
Bottle" to my thinking lies in the
gradual working out of the char-
acter of Judy Bottle in view of the
revelations of the past of which
abominable end, her about-to-be
artist keeper. In contrast the at-
titude of the model *vis-a-vis* Judy's
respectable artist brother is most
interesting, while as a background
you have the dull but honest and
straightforward character of Mr.
Bottle who is a grown-up edition of
the young man—"Who thinks Suburban hops
More fun than Monday pops,
Who's fond of his dinner
And doesn't grow thinner
On bottled beer and chops."The unravelling of the characters
as portrayed by the various players
promised to be most interesting. I
strongly advise all who go to read
the play in advance. Personally
I hope the production will enable
me to make up my mind as to whether
Judy or her mother more de-
served whipping through the streets
at a cart's tail.POLICE MESSENGER
CHARGED.

SERIOUS ASSAULT ALLEGED.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at
the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday,
a serious assault was alleged to
have been committed by a police
messenger on a Chinese, of 174,
Woosung Street, on January 3. It
was stated that the complainant has
recovered sufficiently to be out of
danger.Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the de-
fence, entered a plea of not guilty.
Detective Inspector O. P. Fallon
told the Court that the defendant
was alleged to have gone to the
above address, where his wife had
previously gone, and after a quarrel
with the complainant, who was with
his wife, accused struck the other
man with his police whistle, rup-
turing his spleen and causing other
internal injuries.On the application of the prose-
cution, the evidence of Acting Sub-
Inspector Russell, who is leaving
for Home on Saturday, was taken
before the case was adjourned for
another week, pending the dis-
charge from hospital of the com-
plainant.Witness said that he was on duty
when an Indian constable took both
men to the Police Station, the com-
plainant being supported by the
policeman. In the charge room the
complainant collapsed and accused
the defendant of having assaulted
him.The defendant was remanded for
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WONG SHIU HUNG
AT CANTON.KWANGSI PARTY RECEIVE
CORDIAL WELCOME.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Feb. 25.
General Wong Shiu Hung, the newly-appointed Commissioner of Kwangsi and the chief figure in the movement for peace in Kwangsi, arrived in Canton yesterday morning on the S.S. Lungshan.

The Kwangsi General was accompanied by Madame Wong, General Liu King Tsui, Mr. Kung Kit Yuen, formerly Police Commissioner of Wuchow, and a number of his relatives.

The news of General Wong's coming to Canton was carefully concealed from the public until he had safely arrived here, but the local authorities, of course, knew of his coming.

The Kwangsi party were given a most cordial welcome as they landed here. A number of high officials of the Canton Government, including General Au Yang Kuei, Police Commissioner of Canton; Mr. Tang Yin Wa, Commissioner of Reconciliation; and a dozen representatives from the Canton Military Headquarters, went to the wharf to greet the Kwangsi General as he disembarked. The utmost precautions were adopted to insure against anything untoward happening. The streets in the vicinity of the wharf were lined with picked troops and detectives.

Immediately upon landing the Kwangsi party were taken in automobiles to the Toot Si Club in Tungshan to call on General Chen Ming Shu, and after a short conversation with General Chen, General Wong called on Mr. Koo Ying Fun, Admiral Chan Chak, Mayor Lin Wan Koi, and General Wong So.

In striking contrast with the bitter feeling of a year or more ago, when General Wong Shiu Hung was personally leading his army against Kwangtung, there was not the slightest discord or hatred in the meeting of these leaders who had but a short while ago lined up against each other in a life-and-death struggle. All the animosities of the past were completely forgotten, and friendship and sincerity appeared to be the keynote.

The Kwangsi party were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by General Chen Ming Shu at the Toot Si Club in Tungshan yesterday, and at night they were again banqueted.

Another manifestation of the renewed friendship and harmony was shown in the cordial invitation of Admiral Chen Chak, General Au Yang Kuei and General Wong So to General Wong Shiu Hung to a tennis match on the tennis courts in Central Park. General Wong Shiu Hung, like his old Cantonese colleagues in the days of Marshal Li Tai Hsin, is very fond of playing tennis, and he accepted the invitation and proceeded to Central Park with General Chen Ming Shu, who watched the game from the stands.

In an interview with local Pressmen yesterday, General Wong Shiu Hung said his purpose in coming to Canton at this time was to confer with General Chen Ming Shu, Admiral Chen Chak and Mr. Koo Ying Fun in connection with the restoration of peace in Kwangsi. He expected to stay in Canton for a couple of days only, returning to Hong Kong to meet General Chen Tsai Tong, who is expected to arrive in the colony from Nanking in the course of the next few days.

Asked whether he would establish his headquarters in Nanning, General Wong Shiu Hung answered in the affirmative, but as yet no definite date has been decided upon for the resumption of his new duties. He has first to send a representative to Kwangsi for a conference with his colleagues, Chang Fat Fui, Li Tung Jen and Pei Chung Hsi, with a view to securing their approval of his plans for the rehabilitation of Kwangsi.

Continuing, he said that arrangements have been made with Nanking whereby Chang Fat Fui, Pei Chung Hsi and Li Tung Jen will be given funds with which to take a reconnaissance trip to the frontier to ascertain what country they are going to visit.

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MR. MELBOURNE'S
RETIREMENT.FAREWELL BY THE LEGAL
PROFESSION.

SOUVENIR PRESENTED.

Members of all branches of the legal profession met yesterday to bid farewell to Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Registrar of the Supreme Court, who is leaving on retirement, and to present him with a silver salver inscribed with their names.

After welcoming Mr. Alabaster on his first appearance since his appointment as Attorney-General, and conveying Mr. Scott Harston's regret that he was unable to be present, Mr. Justice Wood said that the history of the Court—one might almost say the history of the Colony—was bound up with Mr. Melbourne, as had their own little personal histories. He left everything on the credit side, handing over the goodwill of the Registry to his successor with the spirit of his own good humour and with the good relationship between the profession and officers of the Court firmly established. He held himself constantly at the service of friends.

Mr. Justice Wood mentioned that when he was at home he saw Sir William Rees Davies, whose insistent question was, "When is Melbourne coming home?" In closing he wished Mr. Melbourne bon voyage and best of good fortune in the years ahead, and in asking him to accept the silver he hoped that Mr. Melbourne would keep it as a souvenir of the many years spent in Hong Kong.

Record of Service.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., Attorney-General, said that he was speaking on behalf of his brethren of the Bar to wish Mr. Melbourne goodbye. He recalled that Mr. Melbourne was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in November, 1890, and was admitted to practice in Victoria, Australia, in the following year. He came to Hong Kong in 1895, and joined the Government service in 1900, serving in every capacity except as a law officer throughout the century. He had served with distinction and had gained the affection of those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton said that in endorsing what had already been said, he had to add that they were losing a sincere friend. They would miss his generosity, courtesy and humour, and his strict impartiality.

Mr. Melbourne's Reply.

In returning thanks for all the kind things said about him and the gift, Mr. Melbourne said he understood that he would not be called upon to speak. He might say that one of the difficulties in parting from associates, with whom he had worked for over 30 years, was that he was unable to express properly his feelings without using stereotyped terms.

He continued that he was grateful to them all for the honour which they had accorded him by inviting him that afternoon and by making such a handsome present on behalf of the legal profession to which they belonged. He was not sure where he was settling down, but he hoped those in the gathering will look him up.

For the rehabilitation of Kwangsi and the problems connected with it, Nanking has promised to subsidize General Wong Shiu Hung to the extent of \$2,000,000. Part of this fund has already been appropriated and given to General Wong.

General Wong Shiu Hung denied the reports appearing in the Press from time to time while he was in Nanking, that Chang Fat Fui, Li Tung Jen and Pei Chung Hsi were not in accord with his peace movement and had dismissed a big portion of his troops. "These were entirely fabricated by disappointed politicians and militarists who saw in the unification of China under Nanking the end of their misrule." At present the armies under these men are entangled in Nanning, Luechow, Poshu, and other places awaiting reorganization in accordance with the orders of Nanking.

In conclusion, General Wong Shiu Hung said that his native province would be divided into a certain number of police precincts for the purpose of maintaining order and peace.

PUBLIC MONEY
VOTES.ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND
NEW LAUNCH.DILATORY CONTRACTOR
FINED.

Four votes totalling \$37,594 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at their meeting this afternoon. The details are as follows:—

\$2,000.—Public Works Extraordinary: Barker Road, improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital; payment of retention money.

Owing to the extremely dilatory way in which the work has been carried out and also to the contractor disputing his final bill, it was impossible to complete the payments in 1930 and a sum of \$2,000 is required for the payment of retention money. The estimated cost of the work was \$39,000, the contract amount \$38,534.60, and the saving on contract \$565.40.

The contractor was fined a sum of \$2,850 for failing to complete the work within contract time.

Girl Guide Grant.

\$44.—Miscellaneous—Services, Grant in aid of Institution of Girl Guides Association.

A capitation grant of \$2 per head is made annually to the local Girl Guides and a sum of \$700 is provided for this purpose in the Estimates for the current year. The strength of the Guides has increased to 372 and to pay the full grant of this figure a further vote of \$44 is required.

Latrine and Urinal.

\$2,500.—Public Works Extraordinary: latrine and urinal at Davis Street; to complete the work.

Progress was delayed during 1930 due to it being necessary to divert the sewer from under the site of the convenience before construction could be commenced.

New Launch.

\$33,000.—Imports and Exports Office, special expenditure, purchase of launch. For this motor-launch a sum of \$23,000 was provided in Estimates for 1930, and a sum of \$10,000 (to complete) revoted in Estimates for 1931. Owing to modifications of the plans the contract was not actually signed until this year and it is necessary to re-vote a sum sufficient to bring the 1931 vote up to the total required.

The necessity of proceeding with this work has been agreed to by the Retrenchment Commission and (informally) by Unofficial Members of Legislative Council.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE.

WHAT POLICE SEARCH
REVEALED

Three Chinese were yesterday charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Police Court, with having committed an armed robbery on February 9, on the second floor of 20, Cheung Street, having been armed at the time with three knives, and having stolen jewellery to the value of \$100. Two other Chinese defendants were charged with receiving the stolen articles.

Detective Inspector Fallon, who conducted the prosecution, stated that the second floor of 20, Cheung Street, was occupied by the three women complainants. On February 9, the first defendant paid a visit to the floor to deliver goods. He visited the flat again on February 8. On the night of the robbery, about six o'clock, the first defendant with two others went up to the second floor and knocked on the door. It was opened by one of the complainants, and three men walked in. They held up the three females and forced them to go into a rear cubicle. The men gagged them with towels and made them

hand over some jewellery. They also broke open a cash box.

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"STEWED" MILK.

DAIRY PROPRIETOR
HEAVILY FINED.

44 PER CENT WATER.

A fine of \$100 was imposed by Mr. Schofield at Central Magistrate's yesterday on the proprietor of the Sing Kee Dairy of 10, Cochrane Street, who was convicted on a charge of selling adulterated milk.

Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), prosecuting, said that in consequence of reports received by him he sent a clerk to the dairy to buy a bottle of milk. This was handed to the clerk who paid fifteen cents for it. Dr. Pope said he could produce the Analyst's certificate on the quality of the milk.

The clerk, giving evidence, stated that he told the woman in the shop that the milk would be analysed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Grist, witness said the woman never told him there were two kinds of milk for sale in the shop. When he mentioned that the milk would be analysed, she seemed frightened and said that it was yesterday's milk that was being sold to him.

Analyst's Report.

Dr. Pope, handing in the Analyst's report, commented that the specific gravity was rather low, although rich in butter fats. He would not be surprised if it was water buffalo's milk, which was much higher in fats than ordinary cow's milk. The percentage of water added was over 44 cent. Assuming it was buffalo's milk, it was not necessary for the seller to add water, that being left to the consumer if he thought the addition of water necessary. In any case, although rich in fats, the sample was deficient in other constituents.

Mr. Grist said the dairy sold two kinds of milk, these being, firstly, buffalo's milk which was imported from Canton, and secondly, ordinary cow's milk. The first kind had ordinarily to be boiled or "stewed" as it was termed in Chinese, and when a customer asked for milk, it was the usual practice to ask them which kind of milk they wanted.

After Ngan Moon, the proprietor, had given evidence bearing out Mr. Grist's remarks, an assistant from the dairy told the Court that he put the usual query to Dr. Pope's clerk and the latter asked for "stewed milk."

Mr. Grist submitted that there was a direct conflict of evidence, which he left to the Magistrate to consider.

After Mr. Schofield had decided on a conviction, Dr. Pope emphasised the seriousness of the offence which in the nature of it, was always difficult to bring home. The addition of water which might not be pure added further to the offence, but he was not insinuating that such was done in this case.

Police on Watch.

The first time the police knew about the affair was when one of the complainants was seen by Inspector Elston, carrying a towel and a knife. The fourth defendant (charged with receiving the stolen jewellery) was well-known to the complainants and on the advice of one of them, a Chinese detective was set to watch a Canton boat in the harbour.

His suspicious were aroused, and fourth defendant was followed to a house in Lockhart Road, Wanchoi. The house was searched and a wrist watch, the property of one of the complainants, was found, also a pawn ticket which related to the stolen property. The police remained in the house and at eleven o'clock that night the second and third defendants turned up, and were identified as two of the alleged robbers.

On February 11, as the result of information received, the police went to 72, Hollywood Road, and there the first and fifth defendants were arrested. In the house was found a jade necklace and beads, also identified as stolen property.

After corroborative evidence had been given by the women complainants, the case was remanded until to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired; but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

A MOSLEM ON THE DEAN'S
SERMON.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—The report of the Rev. Dean's sermon in your valuable paper of Tuesday shows his lack of knowledge of the teachings of Islam. His remarks concerning the relation of the Divine Being with a Muslim being that of an autocrat towards a slave, are in direct contradiction of the teachings of the Holy Quran. It is with the names of Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim that every Chapter of the Holy Quran opens, and Benificent and Merciful convey to the English reader of the Holy Quran, only a very imperfect idea of the "deep and all-compassing love and mercy of God indicated by the original words. "And My mercy encompasses all things" says the Holy Quran (7: 150).

The supposed spread of Islam by force, is an habitual distortion of facts by Christian writers on Islam, and is against the teachings of the Holy Quran. To all the nonsense which is being talked about the Holy prophet offering Islam at the point of sword, the verse "There is no compulsion in religion, truly the right way has become clearly distinct from error" (2: 230) is a sufficient answer.

As to demolishing churches, etc., the ancient temples of non-Muslims scattered all over India (which was under Muslim rule for centuries) and places of worship in other Muslim countries, are living testimonies of religious toleration in Islam.

With regard to the Dean's contention that Christianity is the source of the teaching of Islam the fact of the matter is that, according to the Holy Quran, not only Christianity, but all other religions have Divine revelation as the common basis from which they start. The great Mission of Islam was to correct the errors which had crept into the prevailing religions over a long period of time.—Yours, etc., M.A.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1931.

A HOCKEY LEAGUE
SUGGESTED.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—In view of the increasing popularity of Hockey in this colony I wonder if it has ever occurred to local hockey teams and clubs to form a league amongst themselves, and if some person or organisation would be good enough to put up a cup or shield to encourage competition.

It is well-known that the only trophy for which local hockey teams can compete is the "Sim Shield," and this is confined to the Army, Navy and Hong Kong Clubs. Perhaps you would be good enough to publish this letter in your correspondence column with a view to stimulating local interest in this sport.—Enclosing my card.—Yours, ENTHUSIAST.

Hong Kong, February 25.

THOSE BOTTLES!

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—With reference to the article published last week in your paper on the forthcoming production of "Art and Mrs. Bottle" by the A.D.C. it is almost unbelievable how far since the War the tone of our playwrights has deteriorated. How the modern generation no sense of decency!

I have not of course read the play, which seems to be about nothing but drain-pipes and lavatories, but shall most certainly not allow any member of my household to go and see it. The very idea! No respectable woman could have seen it. Yours faithfully,

MATER-FAMILIAS.

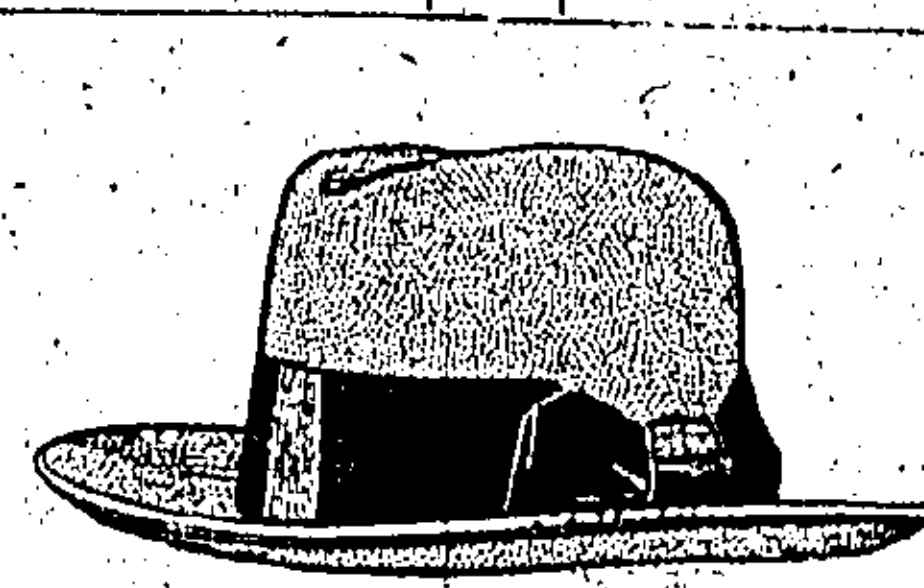
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, on WED., 18th MARCH, 1931, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th MARCH, 1931, to 12th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,
[350] Agents.
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1931, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which Period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
[394] Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHEW & CO., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 27th DAY of FEBRUARY, 1931, at 12 O'clock NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th FEBRUARY, 1931, to FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
[350] Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1931.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1931 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
[301] Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Des Voeux Road CENTRAL, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th DAY of MARCH, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
[346] Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1931.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened and moved eastward, it is now central to the south of Korea. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; overcast; some light rain and fog.

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APATHY OR GOOD SENSE?

A Commission to inquire into the currency problems of the Colony is due here at the end of March. Meanwhile the Colony is divided into two schools of thought, one for stabilisation of the dollar on a gold basis, and the other which holds that Hong Kong must keep to silver as long as that metal is China's legal currency. It will be interesting to see if the Commission, to one side or the other the expert's still, small voice is bound to be a grave disappointment. There may be a middle course possibly acceptable to all (but far more likely to be generally distasteful), though of this there has been no suggestion.

There is no doubt about the opinion of local bankers and many other experts. To repeat the grave warning of the Currency Commission, and of the witnesses appearing before them, against a departure from silver is superfluous. The situation has certainly worsened since that Commission was taking evidence, but not one of the witnesses, or of the Commissioners, has made public recantation of his opinion. If subsequent circumstances have given cause for a radical change of view surely the anxious public would have been given enlightenment on that point. We can take it that the experts in question stand their ground.

Hong Kong's "apathy and silence," are too readily taken for granted. We are fortunate in having neither windbags nor publicity-mongers, but, where statements on matters of public interest, and of importance to the welfare of the community are needed, they are forthcoming. A trading community will not suffer in silence, when either speech or the written word will help. There is no indication that the business community is at variance with the Government and the Banks in the matter of currency policy. Nothing has been said in the Legislative Council; the Chambers of Commerce, English and Chinese, are silent; there has been no public meeting at the City Hall, and no joint statement from a commercial group has been sent to the Press. The academic correspondence in the local papers has been confined to a handful of individuals, most of whom put the arguments for what they are worth, but do not back them with the authority of their names. No criticism of these correspondents on that score is intended. They have every right to conceal their identities, but the arguments in favour of a gold currency would naturally carry added weight if the writers were tacitly acting as the spokesmen of their firms; and if the case for stabilisation were clear this extra weight of authority would not be sacrificed. It may be said that the argument cuts both ways, and that defenders of silver are even more chary of signing their names than their antagonists. It is, however, up to the advocates of stabilisation to make good their case. It is they who are in the position of plaintiffs. If a member of the visiting Commission puts the question, "Is there any local agitation in favour of stabilisation?" the answer must be in the negative.

No attempt will be made in this article to traverse the arguments for and against stabilisation, but it is suggested that the silence of Hong Kong's business community is significant. No one likes the drop in exchange and we all know that hardships and inconveniences are being inflicted. It is over the suggested remedies that doubts arise, and there is grave fear that a false step may very seriously injure the commerce of the Colony. Recalling the years 1914-18 we all remember our old friends the gentleman who could "win the war in a week." There was no way of winning the War in a week. The enemy resistance had to be slowly worn down. The world economic depression, of which the silver slump is a symptom, is an equally stubborn foe. Hong Kong is like a ship in a typhoon. Some are feeling very sick and would like to see a course set for the golden haven. Others are of opinion that, in spite of discomfort, the only thing to do is to ride out the storm.

A BRITON'S RIGHT CHALLENGED.

A Bill has recently been brought into Parliament whose object is to limit a man's right to dispose of his money as he likes after his death. The proposal is distinctly revolutionary and there is very little chance of this interference with a Briton's right to disinherit a wife and twelve children in favour of a cat's home, or a pretty nurse, being placed on the Statute Book. A private Bill can always be "torpedoed" by a little Parliamentary opposition, and after a second reading, it quietly sinks into oblivion.

There are few, if any, other countries besides England in which testators enjoy such unfettered liberty. This liberty, it may be observed, is the creation of modern rather than ancient British law. For by that ancient law the heir could neither be deprived of his lands, nor the widow of her dower, and the ecclesiastical authorities who granted probate of wills insisted, on the model of Roman law, on a portion being reserved for the widow and family, even though the testator had entirely disposed of his whole estate otherwise. This rule lingered by custom in certain places, like the City of London, to the beginning of the last century. Thus the breaking of all testamentary fetters is quite a modern development. It is well known that in Scotland the rule is still otherwise, the widow being protected by her "jus relictis," and children by "bairn's part" or "legitim."

In the United States of America each State has its own law on the subject, as it has as to divorce. Some generalisation, however, is possible, and the ordinary rule is that a surviving spouse has the absolute right to take a certain portion of a deceased spouse's estate, but children can be disinherited. In some States there are "homestead" laws whose general effect, when a man has a wife and family, is to prevent him disposing of the home, either by sale, mortgage, or will, without certain consents. For example, the States of Ohio, Florida, and North Dakota have these laws. In some States, where a testator may exclude his children from benefit under his will, it has to be made clear on the face of the document that he intends to do so, and a will made before any of them were born does not exclude them from their proper share of the estate. In a few States, such as New York and California, the proportion of an estate which may be left to charity is limited. In France the law makes a kind of marriage settlement of the property of married persons, and not only makes provision for the wife and children, but they may actually be restrained from prospectively impoverishing their descendants by extravagance in their life times. In Germany the code is very carefully and industriously worked out, and provision is made that children may forfeit their compulsory portions if found guilty of certain offences to their parents. Turning to our Dominions, New Zealand and some of the Australian States provide that if a testator should fail to make adequate provision for the proper maintenance and support of his wife and children, a court may at its discretion make an order in their favour. This is an elastic law, but it places a considerable responsibility on judges.

It would be distinctly hard on English spinsters to deprive them of the great sport of will-making, and of a very useful weapon of offence against obstreperous nephews. But in the case of fathers and mothers of families a change in the law is desirable. The practical difficulties, owing to the deficiencies of our Parliamentary system, are very great, and the present day parents of a family of five or six children can fairly be said that there will be no modification of their rights and powers.

★ News and Views ★

Young Composer's Venture.

Young Mr. Adrian Beecham, the composer son of Sir Thomas, is nothing if not venturesome. A few years ago, before he was out of his teens, he wrote an opera, with "The Merchant of Venice" as the libretto, and it was produced at the Duke of York's Theatre. He has now followed in the steps of Arthur Sullivan and has set W. S. Gilbert to music. Two volumes of his settings of "The Bab Ballads," to which Sir Henry Lytton has contributed a foreword, have been recently published.

Producers' Folly.

A few weeks ago Mr. Edgar Wallace under-produced a play which had been under-written by himself, says the *Daily Express*. It lasted a few days. A fortnight ago an over-written but under-nourished play called "Colonel Saitan" broke the Haymarket record for brevity of life. Yesterday a play called "Fratricide" received such a hammering from the critics that its survival would be a miracle. Was no one previously aware that these plays did not have a chance? Does judgment, which counts so much in every other enterprise, count for nothing in the theatre? Probably the charm of theatrical people's their superstitious belief that a three-legged horse might win the Grand National if enough money were wagered on it.

Fascinating Mr. Chadbourne.

The handsomest man in America, and one of the wealthiest is Mr. Thomas Chadbourne, the sponsor of the Chadbourne sugar scheme. He is 6ft. 7in., has magnificent features, a voice like a cathedral organ, a mass of wavy white hair, and the kindest of smiles. He started life as a journalist, turned lawyer and knows more than most men about the family secrets of New York's prominent people. In addition to this there were vast deals in sugar, and he was at one time the largest individual shareholder of General Electric Company stock in the United States. It was in order to discuss with Sir Hugo Hirst the situation which had arisen regarding the scheme for an issue of 1,500,000 new 21 shares that Mr. Chadbourne and Mr. Hirst visited London not long ago. Mr. Chadbourne is frequently in London. He always stays in the same suite of rooms in the same hotel, and dines in them—never in the public restaurant. Yachting is his hobby, and a cruise in his yacht, Jezabel, is an experience of comfort and luxury not easily forgotten. When asked why he had given his yacht such a curious name he replied: "Because she is a painted lady, and very fast."

The Ten Greatest Tunes.

A correspondent to a Home paper asks, "What are the ten greatest tunes. His own selection is as follows:—
The Londonderry Air.
Song of the Volga Boatmen.
Passing By.
Prize Song (Wagner).
Toreador's Song ("Carmen").
Morning ("Peer Gynt") (Grieg).
La Donna e Mobile.
Lichtstrahl (List).
Handel's Largo.
One Fine Day ("Madame Butterfly").

Don't Go Down the Mine, Sir Harry!

Britain's most famous pair of comedians, Sir Harry Lauder and Mr. George Robey have been much perturbed about the imminence of a seven-day week for actors. Sir Harry is particularly vehement, saying that he would rather go down the mine again than perform on a Sunday. "It is hard to believe that this would be his only alternative and that he could not retire into dignified and moderately prosperous ease instead. It is equally hard to believe that there lives the manager who could make him work seven days a week if he did not want."

Sir William Morris and Trade Revival.

"Sir William Morris, speaking at the opening of a new motor service depot at Bristol expressed himself as follows:—'I am hoping in the near future that this country will see a revival in trade. I am not only referring to motors. I think we can all agree that we cannot go on much longer as we are. I hope a few of the muddlers will get out of the road soon and allow another Government in, not with the old gang but with a virile Cabinet that will give to this country renewed vigour. I feel with that we should have a revival of trade in six months.'

London's Oddest Party.

A well-known restaurant proprietor in London was asked what was the most original party he had ever entered for. Without hesitating he answered, "The late Sir Arthur Maudslayi's coal-miners' party. It came about in this way. Sir Arthur, in his younger days, determined to give a few miners a treat and at the same time to gratify, rather, frankly speaking, of humour. He met twelve miners at the pit-head and asked them if they would like to go to London. Of course, they agreed, and he put into the hands of each one of them a ten-pound note and a first-class return ticket. "His only stipulation was that they were not to change their clothes or even to wash. As they went, as black as your hat, and I was asked to see that they had a good dinner—in the restaurant, not in a private room. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were the least embarrassed of all the people present."

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The s.s. Rawalpindi will arrive to-day at 10 a.m. instead of at noon as previously advertised.

A concert of instrumental music, organised by Mr. Harry Ore, will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 5, at 5.30 p.m.

Four armed robbers, who gained entry to 20, Eastern Street, had no difficulty in overpowering three women inmates in the house. They got away with jewellery valued at \$151.

At the Legislative Council meeting to-day the Colonial Secretary will move a resolution empowering the Government to assess the duties on liquor and tobacco on a "gold" basis.

A report was made to the police by a boatwoman yesterday to the effect that her mother-in-law, aged 61 years, dropped into the harbour from a sampan anchored at Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter and was drowned.

After being aground near Wong-moon since Friday last, the s.s. On Lee returned to port on Tuesday night. Capt. Bousfield (the master) said that the vessel was not damaged in any way. The place on which she grounded was all mud, and though she was unable to get off earlier, there was no danger of damage at any time.

In estimating a bail of \$10 of a Chinese who was arrested for riding a bicycle in a manner dangerous to the public, Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, on being told that trick cycling was still going on, observed that dangerous riding by trick cyclists had to be stopped.

Noticing that a great majority of the hawkers who appeared before him at Kowloon Magistracy pleaded not guilty, Mr. Hamilton inquired who it was the defendants were "trying it on."—the new Sergeant or the new Magistrate? Sergeant Dambrowsky, who is temporarily in charge of the Kowloon hawkers, replied that it was the new Magistrate. "Oh! I wondered," exclaimed his Worship.

A Chinese woman was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday with having stolen jewellery valued at \$5,210 at an establishment at 534, Queen's Road West, on August 24, 1930. A further charge of having received a hand-bag and ear-rings was preferred against her. Sergt. Clarke, who appeared for the prosecution, said the complainant in the case recognised the woman at Kowloon City on Tuesday and had her arrested. In asking for a remand, the officer said, "I would like defendant to be remanded in police custody. I notice she has a black eye and would like to know how she got it." She was remanded till Friday afternoon.

Local.

Death of old German resident, Mr. Carl Schroter. Page 6.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday, a police messenger was charged with assaulting a Chinese on January 3. Page 6.

Public money votes, totalling nearly \$40,000, will come before the Finance Committee this afternoon. Page 7.

Good wishes, accompanied by a souvenir, were extended to Mr. O. D. Melbourne yesterday by the members of all branches of the legal profession. Page 7.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 3.

Shipping Intelligence. Page 15.

Sport.

H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. Page 10.

Racing notes by "Morning Dew" and training times. Page 10.

Two matches were played in the "Watson Shield" Football Competition (Shamoon) on Monday. Page 10.

Latest Cables.

The Southern rebels have established their own Government, and the troops at Cuzco have joined them. Page 9.

Mr. E. G. Theodore, Federal Treasurer, has produced a new plan for the financial rehabilitation of Australia. Page 9.

The South Africans' score at the tea adjournment yesterday in the Fifth Test match was 191 runs for the loss of six wickets. Page 9.

The International League of Airmen awards have been conferred on airmen and airwomen who have performed meritorious flights during the past year. Page 9.

"Big Bill" Thompson won his fourth mayoral nomination in the city of Chicago, the famous gangster Al Capone supporting him with his force of criminals. Page 9.

Grave news has been received of Father Tierney, who was captured by bandits in November last, and whose captors are seriously threatening to kill him if his ransom is not forthcoming. Page 9.

Looking Back 25 Years.

According to telegraphic advice received from the head office in Tokyo, the N.Y.K.'s regular European line, taking freight and passengers between Japan ports, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Marseilles, London and Antwerp, will be resumed in April next, commencing with the s.s. Bingo Maru, to leave Yokohama on about 11th April, to be followed by the s.s. Saio Maru or Kawanishi Maru, on or about 18th April; thereafter one steamer every fortnight. The American line, between Hong Kong, Shanghai, Japan ports and Seattle, U.S.A. (connecting there with the Great Northern Railway) will also be re-started, beginning with the s.s. Shinano Maru, to leave Hong Kong on 3rd April next. There will be provisionally a four-weekly service, after which a regular fortnightly service will be maintained. —*Hong Kong Daily Press*, February 26, 1906.

Looking Back 60 Years.

The *Journal Official* of Saigon, 2nd February, publishes the following "tiger story" from a correspondent writing from Tuyen-due:—"I have pleasure to announce to you a plucky act by the detachment here. To-day at 2 p.m. an Annamite from the village of Binh-gnoi brought word that a tiger had been seen about 400 metres from the ferry. The corporal set out for the spot at once, accompanied by some comrades, and I went with them, although not armed. On our arrival we found the tiger lying fast asleep and evidently with only one eye. The corporal fired at him and hit on the shoulder, when the animal at once bounded leaped at him, and smashed the stock of his gun. A ball in the thigh from another soldier completely disabled the tiger, however, before he could do more mischief, and a comrade's shot settled him. —*Hong Kong Daily Press*, February 22, 1931."

AUSTRALIA'S NEW PLAN.

CREATION OF ENORMOUS CREDITS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25.
Mr. E. G. Theodore, Federal Treasurer, has produced a new plan for the financial rehabilitation of Australia.
It is understood that the plan provides for the creation of credits amounting to £25,000,000 by the Commonwealth Bank.
The Premier's Conference, which has discussed the plan, has adjourned.
Hitherto no agreement has been reached.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF AIRMEN.

AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS FLYING FEATS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 25.
The International League of Airmen awards include national trophies to Major Kingsford-Smith and Captain Barnard.
Woman aviator's trophy to Miss Amy Johnson, medals of honour to Mrs. Victor Bruce, Duchess of Bedford, Miss Hiltz (for Paris-Saigon flight), Mrs. Lindbergh, Mme. Bastic (world record duration flight of 37 hours and 55 minutes) and dirigible trophy to Capt. von Eckener.

CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

SCHEME TO ESTABLISH BUREAU AT SHANGHAI.

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

NANKING, Feb. 25.
The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has drawn up a scheme for the improvement of China's foreign trade.
It provides for the establishment of a bureau for the improvement of foreign trade at Shanghai, and under its direction trade commissioners will be appointed at the commercial centres throughout the world with a view to establishing contact with foreign commercial interests and to study foreign trade conditions.
The Ministry has also appointed Dr. P. W. Kuo to take charge of the preliminary arrangements.

REBEL GOVERNMENT IN PERU.

TROOPS JOIN SOUTHERN INSURGENTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 25.
A message from Lima states that the Southern rebels have established their own Government.
The troops at Cuzco have joined them.

BRITISH ROYALTY IN VALPARAISO.

CIVIC HONOUR CONFERRED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 24.
The Prince of Wales and Prince George, who last night reached Valparaiso by aeroplane, received the Honorary Citizenship of Vina Del-Mar.
To-day the Prince of Wales will lead the polo team in a match against a selected Chilean team.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER DEAL.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD GROUP NEGOTIATING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 24.
Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Scripps-Howard group, the most formidable rivals of the Hearst papers.

GANGSTERS' VICTORY AT CHICAGO.

"BIG BILL" DEFEATS JUDGE LYLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.
"Big Bill" Thompson won his fourth mayoral nomination by defeating Judge Lyle, his anti-gangster opponent, by 45,000 votes.
Both candidates are Republicans.
It was a bitter fight, in which Al Capone backed Thompson to the extent of £30,000, and which has left a legacy of libel suits involving claims for \$1,000,000 damages.

It was primarily for the selection of a Republican candidate for mayoral election proper in April.
An army of 70,000 men, including 5,000 police, and a picked body of the American Legion Volunteers kept order during the polling.
Fears of bombings and shoot-ups did not materialise, in spite of the fact that 240 gangsters were imported from St. Louis on behalf of Judge Lyle in order to meet the menace of followers of Al Capone, who himself was present in his famous bullet-proof car.
The campaign was characterised by a storm of vituperation and the appearance of Thompson's famous "dregs," including a parade headed by a jackass and a mounted cowboy.

CUBAN PRESIDENT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

BOMB EXPLODES ABOVE BATHROOM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HAVANA, Feb. 24.
It is revealed that President Machado had a very narrow escape from yesterday's bomb which a sentry lowered down a ventilator with the timing set at 4.30, when the President was expected to take his morning bath.

The bomb was not lowered sufficiently and exploded on the bathroom floor above the President's.

Second Attempt to Assassinate President.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.
A second attempt to assassinate President Machado failed yesterday afternoon.
The police seized a youth who was drawing a revolver in order to shoot President Machado, while he was speaking at the dedication of the new Capitol.

LABOURITES RESIGN FROM PARTY.

MOSLEY FOLLOWERS ADHERE TO LEADER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 24.
Mr. E. J. St. Leo Strachey, Labour M.P. for the Aston Division of Birmingham, a son of the former editor of the Spectator and a member of the I.L.P., and Dr. Robert Forgan, Labour M.P. for West Renfrew, both members of the Mosley group, have addressed a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, resigning from the Parliamentary Labour Party.

ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE IN INDIA.

IF GANDHI AGREES TO A SETTLEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Feb. 24.
In the course of "conversations" with members of the Indian delegation to the Round Table Conference, Lord Irwin explained that if Gandhi agreed to a settlement, the Round Table might be reconstituted, with the possible inclusion of 15 Congress delegates.
The Conference would then be held in India, after which Indian committees would be formed.

FATHER TIERNEY'S RANSOM.

STRONG BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Feb. 25.
Grave news has been received regarding Father Tierney, who was captured by bandits last November.
His captors are seriously threatening to kill him if the ransom is not paid very shortly.
The British authorities continue to make the strongest representations to the Central and Provincial Governments regarding his release.

A Shanghai telegram dated November 19 stated that the Very Reverend C. Tierney (Ireland), Superior of St. Columban's Mission, Kienchang, 80 miles south-east of Nanchang, had been captured by Communists.
There were no details of the capture.

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S SEAMANSHIP.

FOUR FEET TO SPARE IN PANAMA CANAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BALEAO, Feb. 24.
A polyglot crowd of Americans, British, Chinese and others, at Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone, witnessed a triumph of navigation when the British battleship, H.M.S. Nelson, with only four feet to spare, passed through the canal locks and docked astern of the U.S.S. Texas.

H.M.S. Nelson, which is on a five days' visit to return a courtesy visit paid to Scotland last summer by the American battleships, Utah, Florida and Arkansas, is a vessel of 40,000 tons and is the largest ship ever to negotiate the Canal.
Her beam is 108 feet, while the canal locks are only 110 feet wide.

Admiral Sir Michael Hodgess, the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, described his efforts to get through the Canal as "like a man's effort to thread a needle."

In spite of masterly handling the passage of the giant ship was not accomplished without damage.
Some boom brackets were broken when passing through Gatun Locks, and some of her steel side-plates were slightly bulged when the Nelson bumped into the concrete sides of Pedro Miguel Locks.

ALL-METAL FLYING-BOAT. SUCCESSFUL TEST FLIGHT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 24.
An all-metal flying-boat which will be used by the Imperial Airways on the Mediterranean section of the Indian and African routes, had a successful trial flight at Rochester to-day.
The first completed of three on order with Messrs. Short Brothers, it weighs 14 tons, has four Bristol Jupiter engines developing 2,400 horse-power and is capable of a speed of 130 miles-an-hour.
It will seat 16 passengers and can carry one and a half tons of mail.
Engine noise will be reduced to a minimum in the saloon by the use of sound-insulating material between the saloon covering and the outer skin of the hull.
When the three new flying-boats are in commission, the Imperial Airways will have a fleet of 34 aircraft, developing a total of 48,000 horse-power.

AMERICA'S EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT.

HELD UP BY U.S. SUPREME COURT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.
The United States Supreme Court today held up the Eighteenth (Prohibition) Amendment.
All America has been eagerly awaiting the Court's ruling since the decision given by Federal District Judge Clark, in Newark, New Jersey in December, declaring that the Eighteenth Amendment was invalid in view of the fact that it should have been ratified by a constitutional convention and not by State Legislatures.

ANGLO-FRENCH FINANCE DISCUSSIONS.

FRANK AND CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 24.
The Treasury has issued a statement on the subject of the past two months' discussions between itself and the French Finance Ministry.
The statement says that it was agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries.
It was recognised, however, that the present credit difficulties were largely due to a lack of confidence on the part of the investor and it was essential that borrowing countries should exert themselves to their utmost to restore that confidence.

The statement declares that concrete proposals are now being formulated by experts following the League of Nations' decision to start detailed discussions with a view to facilitating the placing of agricultural credits in Central Europe and Eastern Europe.

The statement concludes by stating that the "conversations" were not directed at establishing a definite inter-Governmental agreement on specific points, but enabled contact to be established on various questions deeply affecting Franco-British financial economic interests.

It was agreed that this contact should be maintained and further exchanges of views be conducted as required.

Policy of Financial Co-operation.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 24.
An official statement on the recent discussions between the British and French Treasury experts says that the object has been a frank and cordial exchange of views on the principal financial questions of interest to both countries with a view to promoting a policy of financial co-operation to cope with the existing world-wide depression.
The underlying causes of the exceptional gold movements between London and Paris have been discussed.

It has been confirmed that the French authorities in no way welcome the abnormal gold movements and have been anxious so far as possible to avoid measures tending to bring them about.

The French Treasury, while not considering that the methods of managing the public funds in France have had the influence sometimes attributed to them, has nevertheless, readily stated its intention of taking an account consistent with its own needs of the repercussions which its operations might have on the monetary war debt.

Lack of Confidence Creates Credit Difficulties.

It was agreed that the two Treasuries should be kept in touch on questions arising from the reports of the gold delegation of the League of Nations.

It was also agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries, and the French authorities have on many occasions made known their desire to encourage foreign lending on the Paris market.

But it is recognised that the present credit difficulties are largely due to a lack of confidence of the investor, and that it is essential that borrowing countries should themselves take all possible measures to restore confidence.

Loan Operations.

Steps to promote effective co-operation between the markets with a view to loan operations would contribute to alleviate the existing depression and all possibilities should be examined.
The statement refers to the League discussion with a view to facilitating agricultural credits in Central and Eastern Europe, and expresses the hope that practical results may be realised at an early date.
It adds that the "conversations" have not aimed at definite inter-Governmental agreements, but have enabled contact to be established on questions affecting the financial and economic interests of both countries, which will be maintained, and the "conversations" will be renewed as circumstances require.

LONDON NAVAL TREATY.

ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT REACHED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 24.
A Franco-British agreement has virtually been reached regarding the conditions on which France is to become a party to a full London Naval Treaty.

This fact was gathered from a British source after the lunch given by M. Briand to Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. A. V. Alexander.

Last year's triple London Naval Agreement will accordingly become quintuple if Italy joins the Franco-British agreement; otherwise the latter will fall to the ground, Britain having hitherto refused to agree to a safeguarding clause under which France may resume liberty of action should Italy intensify her naval building programme.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander leave for Rome to-night to meet the Italian Government experts.

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Discussions With Italian Government.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 24.
Negotiations on naval limitation between Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and M. Briand and M. Bismont, the French Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Marine, respectively, were continued throughout to-day in Paris.
Although no official information was issued, it is understood that progress was made as a result of which the British Ministers, with technical advisers who had taken part in the Paris conversations, decided to proceed to Rome to-night to discuss questions with the Italian Government representatives.

Broadly stated, the object of the present negotiations, as of the preliminary "conversations" which Mr. Craigie, of the Foreign Office, has had during recent months with the French and Italian experts in Paris, Rome and Geneva, is to overcome the difficulties which remained after the Powers' Naval Conference held in London a year ago.

As a result of that Conference a Three-Power Treaty was signed between Britain, the United States and Japan, while France and Italy were to continue the negotiations which it was hoped would enable them to adhere to the Five-Power Treaty.

The object of the British negotiations has been to facilitate a naval agreement between France and Italy of such a nature as would eliminate any need on the part of Britain to invoke Article 21 of the Three-Power Treaty, whereby Britain, if compelled to do so by continental building, might revise the limits laid down in that part.

Other Powers signatory to the London Naval Treaty are being kept informed of all developments.

SECRET STEEL REPORT OF CABINET.

THE VERSION THAT LEAKED OUT.

The secret report on the British iron and steel industry, prepared for the Cabinet by the sub-committee of the Committee of Civil Research under Lord Sankey, has leaked out in Germany despite the British Government's refusal to make it public within its own borders.

The German Koelnische Zeitung published three long articles summarising the evidence given before the Committee and a fourth article indicating the Commission's recommendations.

Recommendations.

The Committee is reported to have said that:

Adequate vertical grouping and the elimination of uneconomic concerns are needed.

The immediate introduction of safeguarding measures would ensure a postponement of the reorganisation and would help to keep alive uneconomic concerns.

If the complete reorganisation of large regional areas from the technical business and financial standpoint did not enable the industry to compete with the foreigner, then the demand for safeguarding until the efficiency of the industry has been recovered should be seriously considered.

UNIONIST PARTY AND INDIA.

DISCUSS SUBJECT OMITTED FROM AGENDA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 24.
The Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative Associations to-day unanimously passed a resolution, proposed by Commander Locker-Lampson and seconded by Mr. Winston Churchill, to the effect that the crisis in India is of paramount importance and the Unionist Party is called upon to make a strong stand for law and order.

India was not mentioned on the agenda of the meeting of the Executive, and the gathering was not considered to be of great importance.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin was absent, and there were in fact only a few members of the House of Commons present, including Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The resolution was submitted as an "emergency resolution" and Mr. Churchill spoke most vigorously on the subject, and congratulated the Council on their wisdom in including India in the business of the meeting.

LADY OWEN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS.

CIVIC DEGRADATION AND SILENCE ENFORCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 24.
Lady (Edmee) Owen, widow of the late Sir Charles Owen, was sentenced at Versailles Assizes to-day to five years' reclusion, on a charge of attempting to murder the wife of her former lover, Dr. Gastaud.

Lady Owen is a Frenchwoman and was formerly an actress.
Reclusion entails civic degradation, numerous legal disabilities and regulations, while severe strict silence is enforced.

Lady Owen's name was mentioned in connection with the exploits of Francis Loring, the managing director of the Bluebird Petrol Company, who was convicted in London for misappropriation.

It was stated that Lady Owen had been left a fortune running into millions by Sir Charles Owen, and that Loring had played the leading part in the dissipation of her money.

NEW MOVE BY R.M.S.P.

MORATORIUM PLAN.

To enable the £15,300,000 Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to put forward "a complete scheme of arrangement, reconstruction and reorganisation," the first and second Debenture holders of the company and the Preference shareholders of the White Star Line, Limited are asked to sanction a moratorium for the company until June 30 next.

They are also asked to agree to the company being at liberty to borrow not more than £250,000 by debentures, to rank with the existing 4 per cent. Debenture issue.

This reconstruction of the company was foreshadowed by Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., in a statement made by him last November on the position of the company and its associates.

Many Interests.

Following difficulties earlier in the year, Mr. Walter Runciman was asked last June to become a director and deputy chairman, and thus bring his expert knowledge of shipping to the service of the company.

At the same time an advisory committee was appointed to confer with the Court of Directors on matters of management, administration and finance.

The moratorium is asked because of the magnitude of the amounts involved and the many and diverse interests which have to be satisfied. It is possible to compare the complete scheme in the short space of time available up to the present.

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

SOUTH AFRICANS SECOND INNINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DURBAN, Feb. 25.
In overcast weather and on a wicket which was good after over-night rain, Seidie and Mitchell resumed the South African innings.

LATER.
There were 2,000 present after lunch.

South Africa—2nd Innings.

Seidie, c Chapman, b White	30
Mitchell, c Hammond, b Voca	51
Christy, st. Farrimond, b Peebles	37
Taylor, l.b.w., b Peebles	34
Viljoen, c Chapman, b Voca	16
Dalton, st. b Peebles	11
Cameron, not out	20
McMillan, not out	14
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wks.)	181

Play was adjourned for tea.

South Africa—1st Innings.

Seidie, c and b White	57
Mitchell, b Hammond	73
Christy, b Peebles	30
Taylor, c and b Peebles	16
Viljoen, c Hammond, b Tate	16
Cameron, b Voca	4
Dalton, c Farrimond, b Hammond	31
McMillan, not out	20
Vincent, c Chapman, b Peebles	0
Bell, b Voca	0
Cochrane, b Peebles	4
Extras	0
Total	252

Fall of wickets:—1 for 127; 2 for 131; 3 for 157; 4 for 163; 5 for 169; 6 for 203; 7 for 221; 8 for 242; 9 for 243; 10 for 252.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	22.4	45	1	1
Hammond	19.6	43	2	2
Voca	27.10	41	4	4
Peebles	27.4	38	1	1
White	35.9	63	1	1

England—1st Innings.

Wyatt, c Cameron, b Bell	24
Hammond, c Mitchell, b Vincent	29
Layland, l.b.w., b Bell	28
Hendren, c McMillan, b Vincent	30
Turnbull, b McMillan	6
Farrimond, c Taylor, b Vincent	33
Chapman, c McMillan, b Vincent	34
Tate, b Vincent	50
Voca, c Bell, b McMillan	0
White, c and b Vincent	10
Peebles, not out	2
Extras	12
Total	230

Fall of wickets:—1 for 58; 2 for 60; 3 for 67; 4 for 101; 5 for 101; 6 for 129; 7 for 188; 8 for 193; 9 for 223; 10 for 230.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bell	30.4	63	2	2
Cochrane	23.5	47	0	0
Vincent	31.2	51	6	6
McMillan	17.3	37	2	2

BABY FOUND IN A TREE.

POLICE SEARCH FOR PARENTS.

Rock-a-bye baby, on the tree top;
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock;
When the bough breaks the baby will fall,
Down will come baby, cradle and all.

The meaning of the old lullaby has been brought home vividly to two young lovers of Chertsey. While strolling along a dark footpath leading across the meads from Woburn-hill to Chertsey Bridge, they were startled by plaintive cries coming from the branches of a tree.

Scrambling to the top of a 7-ft. oak fence, the young man saw a bundle of white clothing securely held in the top of a thick evergreen. Leaning over, he gave the bundle a nudge, and the bundle replied with walls. Gently lifting it in his arms, he climbed back to the pathway and handed it to his sweetheart, to mind while he ran for the police.

Investigation revealed a dark-haired baby-girl, aged between one month and six weeks, warmly wrapped in wool, and to all appearances well nourished and cared for. Two hours previously another baby had been found in a similar spot, and heard the cries, but passed on, thinking they were those of a small goat.

Sports News

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

KEEN STRUGGLES.

E. C. FINCHER CONVINCING.

Keen struggles marked yesterday's competition in the championship events of the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament, the majority of the matches being stretched to the third set before any decision could be reached.

E. C. Fincher, last year's runner-up, drew considerable attention and quite a number watched him in action on the principal court against R. Chon, whom he beat in straight sets 6-0, 7-5, without unduly exerting himself. He gave a convincing performance and showed up to advantage with cross court shots, from which he made many openings, while on the general run of the match, he demonstrated that he had sufficient reserve to produce the form that brought him to the final last year.

Chon, however, did not, by any means, give a poor show. After a bad start, he rallied splendidly and gained the upper hand in the early stages of the second set, in which he led 4-2 and 5-4. Fincher, however, proved just a trifle too clever for him, and by mixing up his shots, Fincher cracked Chon's game up at the critical stage, taking three games comparatively easily, from 4-5 down.

Fincher now meets, in the third round, E. Zimmerman, who yesterday beat Surg. Comdr. Harkins by the odd set.

W. C. Hung beat F. Grose by the odd set, and now meets H. S. Lee in the second round. The winner proved to be sure of his shots and staidier, while he showed slightly more knowledge of the game than his opponent.

In a long drawn-out and even struggle, Ng Kam Chuen and Tsai beat Barton and Bowker in the Doubles in another three set match, while Tilton, Nash and Humphreys, each winning by the odd set, qualified for another round in the Club Championships.

RESULTS.

Yesterday's results follow:—

Open Singles.

1st Round.

W. C. Hung beat F. Grose, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

2nd Round.

E. C. Fincher beat R. Chon, 6-0, 7-5.

H. S. Lee beat D. S. Green, 6-1, 6-0.

Luk Ding Cheung beat M. Kinoshita, 6-2, 6-3.

E. Zimmerman beat Surg. Comdr. Harkins, 3-0, 6-2, 7-5.

Open Doubles.

Ng Kam Chuen and Tsai beat Barton and Bowker, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Club Championships.

A. L. Sullivan beat Henderson, 6-1, 6-3.

G. W. A. Tufon beat A. B. Raworth, 6-0, 4-6, 7-5.

F. N. E. Nash beat J. M. Morris, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

A. D. Humphreys beat D. W. Deane, 6-2, 6-0.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

Ho Ka Lau v. Edge.

Open Doubles.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. E. and F. R. Zimmerman.

D. W. Deane and W. N. Petch v. A. B. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

GAER CLARK LEAGUE.

There will be a match between the H.K.L.H.C. and St. Andrew's on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park on Saturday, at 3 p.m.

Teams are as follows:—
H.K.L.H.C.—J. Smalley, E. Gray, B. V. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, M. Pope, M. L. Wallace, E. R. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donelan, G. M. Ferguson, M. Bishop.

St. Andrew's.—R. Rose, J. Rogers, P. Woolley, R. Woolley, M. White, I. Gittins, A. Wood, M. Field, M. Woolley, P. Gittins, J. Jandolt.

CRICKET.

ANOTHER DOUBLE CENTURY BY BRADMAN.

BLACKIE WARNED BY UMPIRE.

Sydney, January 27.—D. Bradman obtained his third double century of the season, the second in two matches, by scoring 208 not out for New South Wales against the Sheffield Shield holders, Victoria. He also completed his thousand runs in first-class cricket for the season and has an average of 94.16 for eleven complete innings.

When he had scored 161 Bradman pulled a ball from Blackie to short square leg, where A. Beckett, after making a magnificent attempt at a catch, fell heavily and dislocated his shoulder. He was carried off the field in great pain. Just before the tea interval Blackie was warned by the umpire against raising the seam of the ball following a complaint by A. Beckett that it was damaged. The umpire would not allow the use of a new ball.

First Innings of New South Wales.

A. Fairfax, c A. Beckett, b Blackie	49
J. Fingleton, b Alexander, c Alexander	6
D. Bradman, c Barnett, b Alexander	33
A. Kippax, b Alexander	6
S. McCabe, c Barnett, b Ironmonger	29
A. Marks, b Blackie	9
W. Bill, c A. Beckett, b Blackie	39
W. A. Oldfield, c Barnett, b A. Beckett	0
H. Hooker, c Barnett, b A. Beckett	0
W. Hunt, st. Barnett, b Blackie	16
H. Chilvers, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	106

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	13	2	66	2
A. Beckett	14	2	41	2
Ironmonger	16	5	56	1
Hendry	2	0	8	0
Blackie	12.5	0	45	4

First Innings of Victoria.

H. L. Hendry, c Oldfield, b McCabe	39
L. O'Brien, c Oldfield, b Fairfax	110
K. Ritchie, c Bill, b McCabe	24
J. Ryder, b Fairfax	31
Oakley, b Hooker	18
L. Darling, c Oldfield, b McCabe	4
E. A. Beckett, lb.w., b McCabe	4
D. Blackie, st. Oldfield, b Hooker	28
G. Barnett, b Chilvers	23
W. C. Alexander, c McCabe, b Chilvers	7
H. Ironmonger, not out	17
Extras	17
Total	318

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fairfax	20	2	66	2
Hunt	23	6	38	0
Hooker	27	7	41	2
Chilvers	19.2	1	73	2
McCabe	22	7	46	4
Bradman	8	0	31	0

Second Innings of New South Wales.

A. Fairfax, c O'Brien, b Blackie	12
D. Bradman, not out	208
A. Kippax, b Alexander, c and b Blackie	26
S. McCabe, b Alexander	20
A. Marks, b Ironmonger	9
W. Bill, not out	100
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wickets)	382

VARSITY ATHLETICS.

Clubs and schools are reminded to send in their entries immediately to the Hon. Secretary, University Athletic Club for the following open relays to be held during the Inter-Varsity Sports on March 14 and 15, on the South China Athletic ground, Caroline Hill:—
1,000 metres relay, open to bona-fide Clubs.
800 metres relay, open to school boys only.
400 metres relay, open to school girls only.

RACING NOTES AND TRAINING TIMES

DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S GALLOPS: KILREA AGAIN IMPRESSES WITH FAST GALLOP.

CAGAYAN GOES OVER THREE-QUARTERS: UNIMPRESSIVE FINISH.

(By "MORNING DEW.")

Details of yesterday's gallops at Happy Valley will be found below and although there is nothing new revealed, two of the gallops were rather significant. The first was the performance of Cagayan over three quarters of a mile. The pony went over the first quarter in 34 seconds, and did the next in 30, but finished rather unimpressively, although he took 29.2 seconds for the journey. As Cagayan will, in all probability, be starting in the Maidens on Saturday, his gallop yesterday was very timely. I fear he will not be such a warm favourite after all.

The other gallop that was a pointer to rail fans was the sprint of Kilrea over half a mile which he did in the excellent time of 59.2 seconds. Kilrea looks a certainty for the Sydney Maidens and only a very good pony getting the best of good starts is likely to upset his chances.

Diana Bay, it will be seen, was sent over three quarters of a mile and the pony lapped up the distance comfortably. Other gallops to which I would like to draw readers' attention are those of Wattle, Holy Leaf, Sanction, Azalea Leaf and Tunney.

There will be no further publication of training times, but on Saturday a very thorough discussion of the chances of the various ponies engaged will be published. Look out for them. The times "clocked" yesterday were as follows:—

		Griffins							
Courses	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Last	Qr.
Bright Eyes	Sand	14	42	1.18.3	1.53.2	2.31	3.01.2	3.38.2	82
Britannic Hall	"	1	37	1.11.2	1.44.2	2.16.2	—	—	81.8
Bronze Eyes	"	1	32.2	1.04.4	1.35.2	—	—	—	81.3
Brunswick Hall	"	1	37	1.11.2	1.44.2	2.16	—	—	29.2
Cagayan	"	1	34	1.04	1.39.2	—	—	—	29.2
Champagne Bay	"	1	41.1	1.19.2	1.54	2.28.2	—	—	82.2
Christmas Knight	"	1	35	1.07	1.39.2	—	—	—	80
Cyclamen Bay	"	1	35	1.09.2	1.39.2	—	—	—	33
Duke of Longchamps	"	1	36	1.10	1.46	2.18	—	—	32.3
Fortune Bay	"	1	36	1.11	1.48.8	—	—	—	31.3
Frithly	"	1	36	1.11	1.44.2	2.16	—	—	32.8
Gold Key	"	1	32	1.04.1	1.35.2	2.08	—	—	32
Holly Leaf	"	1	35	1.08	1.39	2.11	—	—	20.4
Leveret	"	1	33	1.02.4	—	—	—	—	31.1
Little Beaver	"	1	34.3	1.07.2	1.40.1	2.13	—	—	20.3
Mindoro	"	1	38.2	1.12	1.44.2	2.14	—	—	32
Nippy	"	1	36.2	1.09	1.42	2.14	—	—	34.2
Paul Fry	"	1	36.2	1.09	1.42	2.16.2	—	—	34
Peter Pan	"	1	37.2	1.13.2	1.47.2	2.11.2	—	—	20.2
Princess Hall	"	1	41.2	1.20	1.55	2.24.2	—	—	32.3
Sam Houston	"	1	35	1.08	1.39	2.11	—	—	29.3
Sanction	"	1	34	1.07.2	1.40	—	—	—	80.2
Silver Key	"	1	33	1.02.3	—	—	—	—	—
Tiana	"	1	33	1.03.3	1.34	—	—	—	—
Tom	"	1	33	1.03.3	1.34	—	—	—	—

		Subscription Griffins							
Courses	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Last	Qr.
Acacia Leaf	"	1	35	1.09.2	1.43.3	2.18.2	—	—	82.4
Agate	"	1	41	1.18	1.47.3	—	—	—	81.3
Awaken Lion	"	1	45	1.26	2.00	2.32.1	—	—	82.2
Azalea Leaf	"	1	35	1.09.2	1.43.3	2.18	—	—	81.4
Bay of Bellingham II.	"	1	39.4	1.17	1.50.4	2.22.8	—	—	34.2
Brown Eyes	"	1	32.4	1.05	1.38.2	—	—	—	89.1
Demuror	"	1	40.2	1.16	1.50	2.23.1	—	—	35.4
Duke of Brittany	"	1	35.3	1.10	1.48.1	2.17	—	—	31
Fi-Fi	"	1	37	1.12	1.43	—	—	—	32.1
Good Day	"	1	42.8	1.20.3	1.58.4	2.31	—	—	36
Halekale	"	1	34	1.10	—	—	—	—	35.1
Happy Returns	"	1	37	1.09.2	1.44.3	—	—	—	35
Jester	"	1	35	1.10	—	—	—	—	38.1
Othello	"	1	39.2	1.15	—	—	—	—	35.3
Pace Maker	"	1	36	1.11	1.44.2	2.17	—	—	32.3
Scrappit	"	1	38.1	1.10.4	1.44.3	—	—	—	38.4
Silver Flare	"	1	39.1	1.10.4	1.44.3	—	—	—	32.1
Summer Hall	"	1	42.9	1.20.3	1.58.4	2.31	—	—	32.2
Sunny Day	"	1	35.9	1.09	—	—	—	—	32.2
Tom Thumb	"	1	34	1.00	1.39.2	—	—	—	83.1
Tunney	"	1	40.2	1.16	1.50	2.28.1	—	—	33.4
Twilight	"	1	40.1	1.10.4	1.44.3	—	—	—	—
Winter Hall	"	1	30.1	1.02.4	1.37.4	—	—	—	80.1

		Australian Ponies							
Courses	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Last	Qr.
Duke of St. Cloud	Sand	1	30	1.02.4	1.37.4	—	—	—	85
Evening Star	"	1	34.3	1.07.2	1.39.2	2.09.3	—	—	81
Erith	"	1	30.3	1.00.2	1.31.2	—	—	—	28.4
Kilrea	"	1	27.3	56.2	—	—	—	—	29.2
Moon Star	"	1	27	10.0	1.41	2.10.2	—	—	29.4
The Busted	"	1	29.3	58.2	—	—	—	—	28
Wattle	"	1	30.2	58.2	—	—	—	—	—

		Old Ponies							
Courses	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Last	Qr.
Bridge Hall	Sand	1	36	1.17.2	1.51	2.21.2	—	—	80.2
Christmas Chimes	"	1	35	1.07	1.39.2	—	—	—	82.2
Diana Bay	"	1	36	1.13	1.54	2.25	—	—	81
Eldest Day	"	1	39.2	1.04.2	1.35.3	—	—	—	80.1
Lobster Bay	"	1	33.4	1.08	1.39.1	2.09	—	—	81.2
Majestic Hall	"	1	32.3	1.04.2	1.35.2	—	—	—	80.2
Mike	"	1	37	1.12.2	1.45.2	2.18.4	—	—	81.2
President Hall	"	1	41	1.19.3	1.50	—	—	—	81.2
Sitting Bull	"	1	38	1.14	1.50	2.21.2	—	—	83
Tango	"	1	37	1.12	1.49	—	—	—	—
The Tiger	"	1	37	1.12	1.49	—	—	—	—

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

"WATSON SHIELD" COMPETITION.

There were two "Watson Shield" matches played at Shamoon on Monday when H.M.S. Cicula and H.M.S. Tarantula defeated H.M.S. Moorhen and H.M.S. Moth respectively. The shield is presented by the well-known firm of druggists, whose name it bears, and the competition is held annually.

In the Cicula-Moorhen match, the former had things pretty well their

own way in the first half when they held a 3-0 lead, but on the resumption the right back of the Cicula headed the ball into his own goal twice and by the time the final whistle went the Moorhen had drawn level. Ten minutes extra time was played and just before the end Cicula broke through to score the winning goal.

The second game was more evenly contested, each side scoring twice in the first half. The Moth did most of the attacking in the second half but just before the end Moorhen sent in a beautiful shot (Continued at foot of next column.)

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SIR ARTHUR KEITH'S NEW BOOK.

"Ethics; or, The Problem of Race." By Sir ARTHUR KEITH, F.R.S. (Kegan Paul, 2s. 6d.).

Nothing that Sir Arthur Keith writes can be without interest; and everybody who reads his little volume in the admirable "To-day and To-morrow Series" must feel that he has been given some food for thought, writes Sir Sidney Low in the *Sunday Times*. In it the learned author makes another excursion outside the range of his special studies. He confesses that he is "trespassing" on politics. He does so for a purpose. Politically-minded persons, he thinks, should recognise that—

The unrest which now disturbs the world arises from qualities inherent in human races. If the world is to have peace, the problems engendered by diversity of race must first be understood. If they are to be solved, statesmen and politicians must approach them from an anthropological or evolutionary point of view.

Here is a promising introduction; but the promise is not quite fulfilled in this small work, mainly, I dare say, because of its smallness. Sir Arthur has so little space in which to deal with the vast issues he touches that his treatment of them seems hasty and superficial. This is especially the case when he discusses modern international questions. Race, he holds, is due primarily to the operation of physiological factors, under the influence of environment. The results are seen in such physical characteristics as stature, skull-measurement, hair-texture, pigmentation, and skin colouring. Thus we get the massive blocks of humanity into which since Huxley's time anthropologists have divided humanity. Xanthochroic, Melano-chroic, Mongolian, Negroid, Pacific, or roughly White, Black, Brown and Yellow, with intervening types. It is all one of "Nature's" devices for evolving higher varieties by selection and competition, and marking them off from one another.

The Tribal Instinct.

In the primitive state, Sir Arthur suggests, there were not four or five or a dozen races, but perhaps hundreds of them. For every tribe was a potential nation; and every nation is a race in the making so long as it retains its identity and self-consciousness. The psychological factor is more important than the physical. Sentiment counts above looks. "Nature," Sir Arthur Keith's substitute for Deity, has planted the tribal instinct, disguised as patriotism, at the very roots of our being. Imperialism, militarism, nationalism, xenophobia, self-determination, are part of the evolutionary inheritance. Economic civilisation has never prevailed against this separatism, of which the last great war was the culminating manifestation. After the peace new states were created, and promptly indulged in all the excesses of extreme nationalism. Finland proscribed the Swedish language, and Czechoslovakia the German; schoolchildren in Ireland and Wales are being persuaded to learn obsolete or obsolete Celtic dialects instead of English. Patriotic revival often takes the form of a virulent dislike of all external groups and units.

Sir Arthur Keith finds here the source of future quarrels and wars. He does not see any obvious way of escape, unless the Eugenicists can contrive to breed out of humanity all such inconvenient characters as courage, ambition, love of country, and turn us all into browsing, domesticated sheep. This seems an unlikely even if it were a desirable consummation. Yet "so long as mankind is divided into a diversity of races there can be no real peace," particularly as "every small nationality is a possible race and the probable source of an infinity of trouble to the world."

Patriotism Without War.

These disjointed generalisations seem to be based on an unduly limited survey of politics and history. Patriotism, local or national, can flourish without being stimulated by hatred and armed conflict. The modern Scot is every whit as proud of his country as his ancestors who with Wallace bled, but he has no desire to engage in physical combat with the Southron, and does not even hate, though he may genially condemn, that inferior creature. I know no country in which patriotism runs with a sweeter and deeper current than Sweden; and the Swedes have not been at war for well over a century, and earnestly hope that they may never go to war with anybody again. Personally, I should say the same of the English.

If the evolutionary process worked by isolation and segregation it could obviously be arrested by modern methods of locomotion and intercommunication. The peoples are mixing freely, trading together, and intermarrying. If you go out to a London dinner-party you will probably meet at least one married (Continued at foot of next column.)

PEER STARTS A SONG MISSION.

MR. RATCLIFF ON A CHURCH TOUR.

The spectacle of 100,000 people singing war-time songs and hymns at the football Cup-Final at Wembley last April has inspired Lord Wakefield to organise a great national campaign of education among the Churches in community singing.

Mr. Thomas P. Ratcliff, who conducted the mighty choruses of the football crowd has been commissioned by Lord Wakefield to tour Great Britain for twelve months to teach the nation how to sing. He has already started out on his mission.

Lord Wakefield, who has sponsored airplane flights and motor-car speed attempts and is the owner of Miss England 11, the world's fastest motor-bus, is financing this novel educational movement.

"I was so inspired and impressed by those great community choruses at Wembley," he said to a representative, "that I decided that Mr. Ratcliff's method of controlling the crowd and drawing them into mass singing could be applied to the Churches."

"I believe that by reviving the singing of the old-time hymns people could be led to enjoy and take an interest in religious services to a much greater extent than they do at present."

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Lord Wakefield stated that the success of the movement has been instant, and that thousands are gathering wherever Mr. Ratcliff stops to hear his message.

"I have received hundreds of letters from individuals and societies asking me to write with enthusiasm after taking part in one of Mr. Ratcliff's demonstrations," he added. "There is no doubt that the country is going to see a wonderful revival of song."

WOMEN LESS HONEST THAN MEN?

AUTHORESS CRITIC.

Adventures among the people of London's underworld and elsewhere have led Mrs. Cecil Chesterton to make some astonishing generalisations about women in her new book, "Women of the Underworld" (Stanley Paul, 5s. net), which was published recently.

"The feminine temperament may differ in its reactions, never in its essentials, and as sex we are, I think, fundamentally less honest and more devious than men," she states on the first page.

"It is so often and so loudly said that the female has more moral sense than the male, that some of us are in danger of believing it. We forget that we have always taken pride in riding roughshod over male argument to the right or wrong, if it stood in the way of our will, even to the twisting of motives, not to mention mere words."

Other points made by Mrs. Chesterton while describing various down and out or criminal women she has met are:

"Vanity, as we know it, is the mainspring of half the success that women achieve."

"Feminine fastidiousness is not usually outraged by recollection of definite deeds, but by the recollection of a definite code as to the rights of other people to their small belongings."

"No woman is really surprised if another steals."

A couple drawn from two different nations, and a business man who has interests in several countries. Racial feeling is dying down. I can recall the time when no Briton could approach a member of any coloured race without an inward shrinking. It is not so now. We admit Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Egyptians to our boards, and sometimes to our beds; we are even beginning to believe that our African fellow-subjects may differ from us in their skins, but that their souls are the same. Patriotism will survive; but it can find plenty of outlets which are neither brutal nor destructive. There is, to take only a single example, sport. Hg. Sir Arthur Keith ever watched an international football match or an English Test team playing the Australians? Has he surveyed the crowd at the Oval when Surrey is fighting out a championship game with an eleven from the North? It is clear that the tribal instinct of rivalry and commercial self-assurance is not yet dead, nor is it likely to die while it can be given such harmless and energetic expression.

THE CAT IS IN FASHION.

"DECORATIVE GRACEFUL, AND A SOOTHING INFLUENCE."

On all sides there is evidence of the return in favour of the strange and graceful little animal quaintly called the domestic cat, writes Michael Joseph, who has kept a hundred cats. (For in truth the cat is not domesticated.) Every year more cat shows and cat clubs are organised, and the growing public interest in the cat is reflected daily in newspaper reports of the adventures, prowess and—yes—misdeeds of cats, both famous and obscure.

To cat lovers this revival of interest in what Shakespeare (the true Englishman, as always) called "the harmless, necessary cat," is rather disturbing. The cat, I submit, is not destined for popularity. He has none of the qualities which make the dog and the horse so dear to the Anglo-Saxon heart.

There is nothing of the team spirit about the cat. He doesn't "play the game." Nor does he push an affectionate wet muzzle into your hand and silently tell you what a fine fellow you are (even when you happen to be a thorough blackguard).

Not Useful.

He will not make himself useful to his human patrons by fetching and carrying, or pulling loads or running races in order to keep the bookmaking industry going. In short, the cat is a thoroughly selfish, independent, intelligent creature. It would be unfair to say that the cat takes the benefits of human civilisation and gives nothing in return. He is decorative, graceful and, to many, a soothing influence. Some people who are not altogether pleased to affect mistrust or dislike of the cat.

A whole generation of English babies grew up in fear of Napoleon because their nannies warned them in their cradles of the wicked bogey. So, I think, with cats.

Compared With Dogs.

The nursery superstition that cats suffocate babies in their cotlets probably derives from the medieval association of cats with witches and sorcery. Unfortunately, accidents sometimes happen, and innocent puss, who merely wanted a warm bed, stirs up the ancient odium against his race.

Apart from the anthropologists, the majority of people are indifferent to cats, simply because they know next to nothing about them. Because the cat and dog share a fire-side and each has four legs and a tail, they are ignorantly, but absurdly, compared.

The dog is cheerful, companionable, dirty (in the least he is an "unclean" animal) and noisy; the cat is moody, independent, scrupulously clean (with rare exceptions) and restful. The cat will sometimes condescend to be your friend, never your servant. The cat hasn't an earthly hope of competing successfully with the dog as a pet. I have kept a hundred cats (being married, I need hardly add not the same time), but I must admit that the cat is only a pet when in the humour. Nothing is more shocking to human vanity than the perverse indifference of your favourite cat.

One minute he will lie purring contentedly on your knee; the next, for no apparent reason, he will desert you for a less comfortable spot or an aimless perambulation. Convinced as you will, "all you get is an indifferent glance and a careless twitch of a shamelessly graceful tail."

Cussedness.

In the presence of your friends the cat is at his worst. Your blandishments are completely ignored. If by any chance one of your guests happens to be a cat-hater, your cat will make straight for him and exhibit every sign of brazen affection. Is it just cussedness, I wonder, or an ironical sense of humour?

For three thousand years the cat has patronised human households, and to-day his existence is as detached and self-contained as it used to be in the jungle days. What an object lesson to civilised peoples!

The cat is uncorrupted and unspoiled. He knows the secrets of good health (watch a cat relax when he has no job on hand), is a model of hygiene, and keeps himself fighting fit. He enjoys good food, but is not glutton.

Put a cat back in the woods and he can fend for himself. His primitive instincts are all there. The so-called cruelty of the cat in playing with his prey is the only way he can retain his hunting skill. Wild cats despatch, and eat their prey without ceremony, but the house hold cat must make the most of his few opportunities and thus keep himself in practice.

The Art of Mousing.

Your true cat lover views with dismay the growing public interest in cats. No one out of ten cat owners does not know how to treat their cats. The cat survives only because he is intelligent and fit. Milk, for instance, is popularly supposed to be a substitute for fresh water. (Continued at foot of next column.)

THE BLACKHEATH MURDER.

A WARNING THAT WAS NOT HEEDED.

Evidence that Louisa Steele, the 18-year-old victim of the Blackheath murder, was warned against going on the heath was given at the inquest.

Great public interest was shown in the opening of the inquest at Greenwich. A big crowd gathered, and there was a rush for seats, but few were available for the public.

Saying that the case would have to be adjourned, the coroner, Dr. H. Knight, added:—

"Sir Bernard Spilsbury, who has been called in for the post-mortem examination, requires a longer period to make a further medical examination which may assist us in elucidating the cause of death."

Employer's Story.

In a voice which faltered with emotion while she took the oath, Miss Steele's employer, Miss Jennie Maitland Clark Andrews, gave evidence.

She was dressed in mourning, relieved only by a white band around her hat. She had employed Miss Steele as a general help for just over two years, she said.

The coroner: Was it usual for her to go for a walk after supper?—Always on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Miss Andrews explained that Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday were the girl's half days and evenings out. Last Wednesday she went home, and afterwards to the pictures.

On Thursday the girl did not know that she would be able to go out that evening as they were expecting a relative to supper.

So it would be unlikely that she made any plans—Absolutely, yes.

The Girl's Errand.

Miss Andrews told how her sister sent Miss Steele to return a book to a friend a few doors away, and then on to a chemist's shop, if it was open. She could then go for a short walk, but it was more than likely she would come straight back.

The coroner: She had your permission for such a walk?—Yes, but she had been warned against going on the heath or any side walks.

She left shortly before 8 o'clock. So far as she knew, added Miss Andrews, the girl had no young men.

WHO WAS THE CRIMINAL?

Scotland Yard are considering drastic changes in their methods of investigating murder cases, says a Home paper. The criticisms of the "information department" have been fully substantiated, after the closest inquiry, by Sir Trevor Digby, the acting Commissioner, and other high officials.

Misleading Reports.

It is not going too far to say that the murderer might be under lock and key if only Scotland Yard had not allowed the public to be confused by misleading reports of the circumstances of the crime.

Superintendent Cooper, the highly experienced detective who is in charge of the investigations, is now convinced of the identity of the man who killed Miss Steele.

That does not mean there is any prospect of an early arrest. Suspicion is strong, but there is not sufficient legal evidence to justify action. The one hope is that some member of the public will come forward with evidence that will strengthen the police case.

Scotland Yard are anxious for anyone who saw Miss Steele after 7.55 p.m. on Thursday to come forward, but so far their "Press Bureau" has never issued a description of the girl!

What Does She Look Like?

They have given a description of the clothes she was wearing, but they have not said whether she was tall or short, stout or slim, or dark or fair. No one has been told what she looked like, although it is so important to trace her movements.

Many cat owners (who would hate to play bridge on an empty stomach) believe that a hungry cat makes a good mouse. The truth is that only a well-fed cat will catch mice with enthusiasm. Here we have one of the few points of difference between wild and tame cats.

Puss is quite content to attach himself to a human household where meals are readily obtainable; but if humans want to turn his instinct to practical account, they should realise that the art of mousing is now practised as a sort of military manoeuvre.

They Own Us.

Generalising about cats is dangerous, for there are always individual cats to contradict one's theories. But with the exception of Siamese cats, which are like dogs in their loyalty, clumsiness and readiness to talk or play, cats are a strange, pathetic race. We do not own them; they own us.

Inscrutable, aloof, philosophers of independent spiritual means, amiable (as if out of a sense of noble obligation), their occupation of our homes is an enigma. Is their huge joke at our expense? Or did God give us the cat, as Mary suggested, that we should have the pleasure of caressing the tiger?

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Shanghai	14	30.38	77.1	47	6	NNE	2	b.	6	30.24	77.0	36	6	ENE	3	b.	6
Outchiff	...	30.46	77.2	44	...	NNW	4	b.	...	30.22	77.5	36
Wenchow	...	30.32	77.0	47	6	ENE	6	c.	6	30.36	77.1	40	3	NW	4
Foochow	...	30.17	76.8	65	6	NE	2	c.	7	30.20	76.7	47	6	N	2
Amoy	...	30.15	76.5	58	6	NE	6	c.	6
Swatow	...	30.08	76.0	57	...	E	8
Taihou	11	30.20	76.7	58	...	ESE	2	c.	5	30.15	76.8	56
Taihu	...	30.18	76.5	59	...	N	0	30.10	76.6	58
Tainan	...	30.11	76.4	56	...	N	2	r	...	30.07	76.8	58
Koshun	...	30.08	76.0	67	...	NE	6	30.04	76.4	56
Pescadore	...	30.14	76.5	56	...	NNE	6	30.08	76.4	56
Hong Kong	14	30.11	76.4	67	7	NE	8	...	6	30.07	76.8	61	7	ENE	5
Gap Rock	...	30.09	76.4	61	7	NE	8	...	6	30.06	76.8	64	4	NE	2
Macao	...	30.09	76.4	52	4	NNE	2	...	6	30.06	76.8	61
Hoihow	...	30.00	76.0	59	...	NE	4	...	6	30.06	76.2	68
Pratas Island	...	30.02	76.5	70	6	NE	4	...	6	30.08	76.4	58
Phulien	16	30.09	76.4	67	6	ESE	2	...	6	30.07	76.8	61
Tourane	...	29.98	76.1	68	8	NW	6	...	6	29.91	75.7	77	6	ENE	8
Ospe St. James	...	29.89	75.9	81	...	ENE	4	b.	6
Basco	14	29.94	76.0	81	1	NE	4	...	6	29.95	76.0	76	4	R	2
Apari	...	29.90	75.9	81	4	NE	2	b.	6
Tuguegarao	...	29.86	75.8	85	6	NNE	4	b.	6
Vigan	...	29.85	75.7	88	8	NW	2	b.	6	29.81	75.9	74	6
Manila	...	29.84	75.0	86	8	N	4	b.	6	29.81	75.9	76	6
Legaspi	...	29.85	75.9	91	...	ENE	4	b.	6
Calbayog	...	29.85	75.8	85	8	WSW	4	b.	6
Tagleban	...	29.87	75.8	91	...	ENE	4	b.	6
Hoilo	...	29.87	75.8	86	8	NE	4	b.	6
Cebu	...	29.85	75.8	86	...	ENE	4	b.	6
Surigao	...	29.85	75.8	86	...	ENE	4	b.	6
Saipan	11.00	E	2	b.	4.22
Guam	12.22	29.85	75.8	E	2	b.	5	29.88	75.8
Yap	11.00	29.83	75.7	ENE	2	b.	5
Felw
Labuan	14	29.83	75.7	84	...	N	6	...	6	29.88	75.7	78

February 25. 10h. 33m.—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central to the east of Shanghai.
Moderating monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.69 inch, against an average of 2.90 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 26.

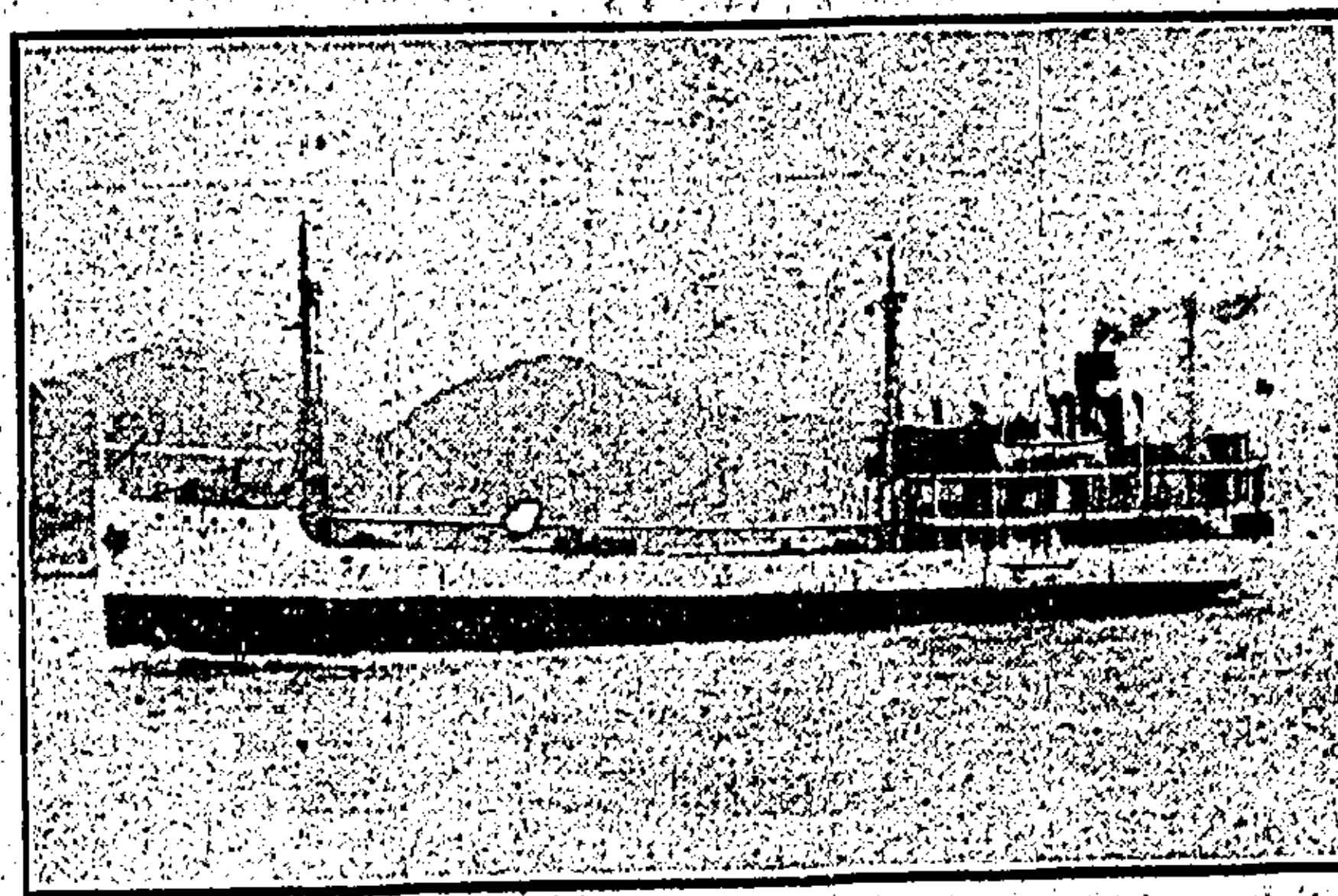
- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong, moderating.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks ... N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast, warmer, some light rain and fog later.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... cast, warmer, some light rain and fog later.
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... E. winds, moderate.

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	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 11th Mar., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Tues., 3rd Mar., at 3 p.m.
	"SUISANG"	Mon., 9th Mar., at 3 p.m.
	"HOSANG"	Satur., 21st Mar., at 3 p.m.
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 30th Mar., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wed., 11th Mar., at Noon
	"HINSANG"	Wed., 18th Mar., at Noon
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IMPORTS 11,000 TONS;
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11,000 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:-

British	Cargo Through	Ports.
Cheongshing, Canton	1,050	1,050
Dutch		
Sipora, Samarinda 1,094	750	
Oldkerk, Shanghai	5,000	
Tjisaroca, Manila 4,750	1,720	
	5,875	7,470
Japanese		
Lushan Maru, Canton	107	
Kawachi Maru, Miike	1,220	3,107
Deli Maru, Canton	80	
Konan Maru, Lungkow	600	113
Harunasan Maru, Miike	4,000	
	6,077	5,300
Total	11,952	11,890

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:-

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	2
Dutch	4	2
Norwegian	2	2
Japanese	5	2
Chinese	1	3
American	0	3
German	0	1
Total	16	19

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:-

Tjisaroca (Dutch) Batavia,	192
Lushan Maru (Japanese)	57
Canton	
Total	249

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:-
Wharves:—Kowloon: President Lincoln; Holt: Erica; A.P.C.—Tajikotsei; Lustous; Soony; Laichikok; Wichita; Douglas Japanik; Haiching; Saikong; Wing Wo.

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The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Manila yesterday at noon, left the same day at 10 p.m., is due at Hong Kong on Friday at noon and will berth off Kowloon Docks prior to drydocking for annual overhaul. She leaves Hong Kong on March 18 at noon.

ARRIVALS.

February 24.

Cingalese Prince, British str., 3,834 tons, Capt. F. Marshall, from Takao, buoy No. A1.—Furness (Far East), Ltd.
Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 3,560 tons, Capt. T. Fujita, from Miike, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

February 25.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,017 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,855 tons, Capt. Gulton, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Golden River, American str., 3,817 tons, Capt. J. W. Giffin, from Takao, Laichikok Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.

Haining, British str., 836 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.
Harunasan Maru, Japanese str., 1,307 tons, Capt. R. Koga, from Miike, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grieson, from Swatow, Chin On Wharf.—Chin On S.S. Co.
Kiangchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. Y. Nishimoto, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Konan Maru, Japanese str., 1,350 tons, Capt. T. Kotake, from Lungkow, buoy No. B10.—D.K.K.
Nanchang, British str., 1,488 tons, Capt. Atkinson, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

Sipora, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. Bakker, from Yaumati Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—W. O. Ho & Co.
Yaiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Tjisaroca, Dutch str., 4,750 tons, Capt. T. P. Schuttenberg, from Manila, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

February 25.

Canton, for Haiphong.
Carnarvonshire, for Shanghai.
Cingalese Prince, for Manila.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Golden River, for Manila.
Hermod, for Bangkok.
Kawachi Maru, for Singapore.
Kiangchow, for Canton.
Kamo, for Keelung.
Lushan Maru, for Swatow.
Nanchang, for Chefoo.
Taiyuan, for Shanghai.
Tjisaroca, for Canton.
Yatshing, for Swatow.

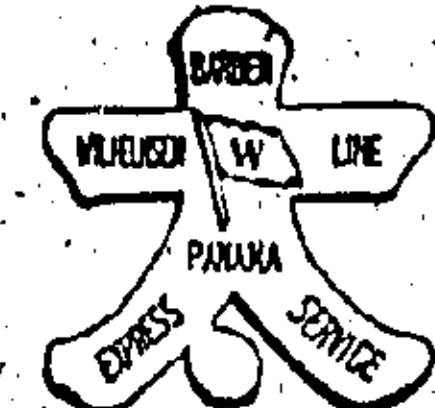
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"KHYBER"	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"SOMALI"	—	21st Mar. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,138	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"KARNATAKA"	16,668	25th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	—	2nd May (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"COMORIN"	16,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,955	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"KARNATAKA"	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,095	4th July	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'warp
"KARNATAKA"	16,668	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARNATAKA"	9,138	29th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KATHAY"	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	16,098	10th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"TALMA"	10,000	18th Apr.	do.
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"MIZAPORE"	6,715	5th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	13th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
"KARNATAKA"	9,138	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"COMORIN"	15,132	34th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,955	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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